WEATHER.

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OFFICIALS CONVINCED THAT BREAK WITH GERMANY IS ONLY MATTER OF TIME AND QUESTION OF FORMS

EVERY HOUR DRAWS UNITED STATES NEARER THE CRASH

"The Near Future Will Develop Something Very, Very Serious" Says One Cabinet Member After Long Session of Cabinet. Another Gives Hint That Some Overt Act Might be Awaited or at Least Warning Given Germany.

PRESIDENT AND SENATORS CONFER AT CAPITOL

Dramatic Night Meeting Develops Unanimity of Opinion That Challenge to Honor of United States Must be Met—Mr. Wilson Suggests That Action by Word or Deed Should be Taken Before Monday—Bernstorff Expects Break.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The submarine menace sweeps on and every hour draws the United States nearer a break with Germany. No restraining developments appear to stem the tide. Official Washington is convinced the crash is only a matter of time and a question of forms.

A long session of the cabinet and a dramatic night meeting of the President and senators at the Capitol developed a unanimity of opinion that a challenge to the honor of the United States must be met. The means of doing so appears to be the only question undetermined.

When President Wilson and his advisers parted "for a night's reflection," as the President himself put it, apparently it had not been determined whether the United States should delay action until Germany commits an overt act, or whether passports should be handed to Count von Bernstorff with or without a warning note to Berlin.

Long Session of Cabinet.

After the President and the cabinet had been in session more than two hours, Mr. Wilson hurried to the Capitol and this statement was issued at the White House:

"The President and the cabinet thoroughly canvassed the situation but there is nothing to announce."

Members of the cabinet, sworn to silence, left the White House with grave faces. One of them later sufficiently broke the rule of silence to say:

"The near future will develop something very, very serious."

Another gave the hint of the probability that some overt act might be awaited or at least a warning given, by saying:

"The last chance has not yet gone. While Germany has announced her purpose, she has not yet carried it into effect, so far as we know."

The cabinet unanimously agreed, however, that the United States could under no circumstances countenance such an invasion of its rights as Germany's campaign of ruthlessness proposes.

President Goes to Capitol.

At the Capitol the President had an hour's conference alone with Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations committee, and then sent out word that he sought the views of all senators. Many of the Democrats hurried to his room on the Senate floor. Seated there with senators grouped about him in a semi-circle, the President gave no indication of a decision of his own but frankly announced he had come to hear their opinions. To induce open expression, he was careful not to specify what he had in his own mind but invited a discussion of three propositions:

To break off diplomatic relations with Germany at once and deliver Ambassador von Bernstorff's passports tomorrow.

To delay action until some overt act has been committed against the rights of the United States.

To re-define the position of the United States, as outlined all through the submarine controversy, with a final warning that an offense means a diplomatic break.

The sentiment of a large majority of the senators was against the latter course.

Conflicting Opinions.

Senator Stone and Senator Lewis favored assuming that Germany did not intend to invade American rights, but were for meeting any such invasion with an immediate severance of diplomatic relations. Other senators were so confident that Germany's new war zone proclamation meant invasion of American rights that they favored breaking off relations immediately.

All understood that President Wilson had not made up his mind whether to proceed, as proposed by Senators Stone and Lewis, on the assumption that American rights would not be violated, or whether to consider Germany's announcement as ground in itself for summary action.

Without disclosing what decision, if any, he had reached, the President left the Capitol suggesting to senators that there should be a night's reflection and some action by word or deed before Monday.

It was said that no joint session of Congress tomorrow to enable the President to make an address was discussed.

No Note to Germany.

During the day it had been made clear that no communication had gone forward to Germany nor had Ambassador Gerard been given instructions to inform the government of the state of feeling in the United States. That, of course, has been done through the German embassy, which continues to express the firm conviction that there is little hope of avoiding a diplomatic break.

President Wilson's every action throughout the day was predicated on his belief that the United States faces the most serious crisis in its history. He chose the course of seeking the advice of other men to compare with his own opinions. The overwhelming sentiment from those he consulted was in favor of a break in relations. Only the time and method were questions of difference. But even after his long talk with the senators he returned to the White House to give further consideration to the problem.

Action to Guide Other Neutrals.

One of the thoughts in the minds of the President and his advisers is that the action of the United States should be so unassailable that it would guide other neutrals.

President Wilson was boldly told by most of the 15 Democratic senators in conference with him that the German declaration was an affront to the United States and the civilized world and that any other course than an immediate rupture of diplomatic relations would be "viewed by the world as cowardice."

Some, however, urged that Germany be notified of a definite time at which diplomatic relations would be severed and a few others urged that nothing be done until Germany by some overt act demonstrated her deliberate determination to affront the United States.

Senate Behind the President.

All the senators assured the President that whatever course he took would be sustained by a unanimous Senate. Senators who participated in the remarkable conference were Stone, Reed, Phelan, Myers, Overman, Ransdell, Hoke Smith, Beckham, Vardaman, Pittman, Fletcher, Pomerene, Walsh, Lewis and Johnson, of South Dakota.

That no Republican senators attended the conference was due entirely to the fact that the President did not reach the Capitol until the Senate had recessed and it was with difficulty that pages and clerks reached those who did attend. The President sent for no one in particular.

While Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the Foreign Relations committee still was in the Senate when the President first arrived, he did not know the purpose of the conference and left the building.

Came to "Swap Views".

At the conclusion of the conference the President, the last to leave, saw the newspaper correspondents and made a brief announcement:

"Gentlemen," he said, "I just came to swap views. I wanted light and came here to get it."

He was asked what would be done and replied:

"That depends on how I feel in the morning." Then he smiled and added:

"Of course, that remark was only a joke," he added that there had been no suggestion of a joint session of Congress and that he thought no public

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AMERICAN PEOPLE STAND READY TO BACK PRESIDENT

If War Comes It Will be Because of Germany's Defiance of Justice, Declares Taft

'WE MUST FACE THE FACTS'

Former President Discusses Present Crisis Before the U. S. Chamber of Commerce

Washington, Feb. 2.—Former President Taft prefaced a prepared speech on The League to Enforce Peace here tonight with a reference to the new German crisis, declaring that if the United States were drawn into war Germany would force it by "her defiance of plain principles of justice and humanity which should obtain between civilized nations."

"The responsibility which now rests on the President and Congress is very heavy," said Mr. Taft. "They should know and do know that the American people will back them to the end in their decision. May God give them good deliverance."

The former President was speaking before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, answering particularly criticisms of Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan, Senator Borah and others of the League to Enforce Peace ideas.

"I had prepared this address," he said, "before Germany startled this country and all neutrals by her last note. The actual dangers with which it brings us face to face may seem to make what I have been discussing theoretical, tame and inappropriate. The truth is, however, that this great crisis only emphasizes the importance of the purpose and plan of the league in the future history of this country.

"Of all things, we would avoid war. We are not prepared for it. Its awful consequences we know from Europe's suffering. Our prayer is for some escape from it in this critical hour, if consistent with our national honor. But we must face the facts.

"In her campaign against her enemies, Germany proposes ruthlessly to wage war upon the property and lives of neutrals in flagrant violation of their rights. She began with Belgium. She now includes them all. Our national conscience is void of offense against her. Her cruel and indefensible drowning without warning of more than a hundred innocent Americans on the Lusitania we condoned in view of her pledge against a repetition. That pledge is now withdrawn and she avows her purpose to resume her shocking course.

"If war is to come between us, she will be the unprovoked aggressor. We would avoid being drawn into the European vortex by every honorable concession. If she forces us into it, she will do so by her defiance of plain principles of justice and humanity which should obtain between civilized nations.

"In spite of her great strength and marvelous efficiency Germany's mani-

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GERMAN ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE TO SHIPPING

Is Believed 1,000,000 Tons, British, Can be Sunk Each Month

Available Tonnage Owned by England Placed at From 11,000,000 to 12,000,000—Hopes to Force Peace In Few Months

Berlin, Feb. 1, (via London, Feb. 2)—Opinions expressed in unofficial circles here that a result of the unrestricted submarine campaign the amount of tonnage sunk each month can be increased to about 1,000,000 tons, are based upon available figures showing the total amount of British tonnage, which is estimated at 11,000,000 to 12,000,000 of tons. This is believed here to be the gross registered tonnage upon which England can count for the import of necessary supplies, wheat, ores, munitions, etc., and for the export of coal to her allies.

Statistics are cited showing the actual traffic in British ports, from July to September, amounted to 6,750,000 tons carried in British vessels. In addition it is reported that the neutral and entente vesels, other than British, entering British ports during that period brought the total tonnage up to approximately 10,750,000 tons.

It is asserted that grain shipments

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NO INCREASE YET APPARENT IN THE LOSS OF SHIPPING

Dispatches From London Yesterday Announced the Sending Down of Five Vessels

REVIEW OF THE WAR NEWS

Greatest Activity Reported on the Western Front But Battles Are of Minor Nature

The second day of the German submarine warfare apparently has not resulted in any increased sinking of shipping. Dispatches from London announce the sending to the bottom of five vessels, including one of neutral registry and a report of the sinking of another.

The Spanish steamer Algorta, of 2,116 gross tons, was the largest steamer sunk, the others being of less than 1,000 tons, including two trawlers. The Norwegian steamer Heola is believed to have been sunk. The Belgian trawler Marcelie was sunk by gun fire.

On the battle fronts of Europe the inactivity of the past few days continues. The greatest activity seemingly has taken place on the western front. There, however, only patrol engagements and reconnoitering expeditions have occupied the troops in addition to the regular artillery bombardments. Near Gueudecourt, in the Somme region, British troops took 60 prisoners in a raid. Berlin also reports several successful raids in this area.

Bad weather hampers large scale operations on the eastern and Macedonian fronts. Near Solotvina, southwest of Brzezany, in Galicia, German troops, Petrograd says, entered a Russian trench but were later driven back to their own line. Petrograd reports scouting and infantry fighting in Rumania.

The French government has decided to mobilize the entire civilian population of France between the ages of 16 and 60, for national defense. Both sexes will be included in the mobilization.

COLD WAVE HITS SOUTH

Storm Warnings Continued Along Atlantic Coast Last Night

Washington, Feb 2.—Storm warnings were continued along the Atlantic coast today from Provincetown, Mass., to Key West, the weather bureau predicting northeast gales, diminishing Saturday. The cold wave struck the South Atlantic states with full force, a temperature of ten degrees above zero as far south as Georgia.

CIVIL WAR MAIL CARRIERS IN SOUTH TO RECEIVE PAY

Washington, Feb. 2.—A bill appropriating $196,000 for mail carried in the Southern states during the Civil War previously passed by the House was passed tonight by the Senate. The money goes to mail carriers, mostly Confederate veterans or their heirs. The 800 claims have been pending for more than half century.

DANGER ZONES CREATE SERIOUS COMPLICATION

Steamers Would Run Risks in Touching at Kirkwall

American, Dutch and Scandinavian Ships Conforming to British Regulations Would Have to Pass Through Mine Fields.

London, Feb. 2.—The German danger zones have created a serious complication concerning shipping between American, Scandinavian and Dutch ports, owing to the British blockade policy requiring ships bound eastward or westward on that route to enter Kirkwall.

As Kirkwall is 50 miles inside the danger zone, American, Dutch and Scandinavian ships conforming to the present regulations cannot avail themselves of the open, mine-free channel specified in Germany's memorandum, but must run the danger of mine fields in reaching Kirkwall. This difficulty is recognized by the British authorities as well as in American and Scandinavian shipping circles and it doubtless will receive attention with a view to relieving American and other ships from being forced to run serious risks while seeking examination.

For the present, however, the foreign office is not willing to discuss what

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ALMOST UNANIMOUS OPINION IS AMERICAN INTERESTS AND HONOR HAVE BEEN ATTACKED

Administration Officials Gratified Over Position Country Has Taken Following Germany's Declaration—All Neutral Nations Affected Almost Completely Alike—Spanish Army and Navy Given Instructions for Crisis.

Washington, Feb. 2.—All administration officials are gratified and surprised at what they interpret as a practically unanimous opinion of the country on the situation so unexpectedly precipitated by Germany's submarine warfare declaration. Not only nearly all of the large metropolitan newspapers reaching the State Department but also the small country papers are declared to accept as a basic principle the belief that America's interests and honor have been attacked.

One official said today that this viewpoint which had been awaited before any definite announcement, has had a great effect on the formation of a decision. The administration is known to feel that while the German announcement justifies any action that may be deemed best, the administration could not outdo public opinion.

Should Postpone Sailings

European sailings of all ships flying the American flag should be postponed, according to the opinion of the State Department. Secretary Lansing, in announcing that a mesage to this effect had been sent to the International Mercantile Marine in regard to the sailing of the American steamer St. Louis for England tomorrow, was emphatic in saying no orders had been issued against her sailing but that the opinion of the department had been given that it would be wiser to await the decision of the country in the broader issue of the controversy with Germany.

The State Department feels that the sailing of vessels, the departure of American from Germany, and the safe passage of other Americans across the Atlantic should for the moment be left entirely to the discretion of the individuals concerned on their personal judgment of the situation. Whereever possible, however, it is earnestly desired that no risks be taken until the formal decision of the country on the whole issue has been announced.

Germany in the Dark

Germany is understood by officials here to be in the dark as to America's probable position. Not till the American course has been formally announced at home, it is understood, will Germany receive her answer. No hints, intimations or direct messages will be conveyed. Many cablegrams have been exchanged between the State Department and Ambassador Gerard since the German pronouncement, it is stated, but none of the information has gone further.

American diplomats abroad are under standing instructions, it developed today, to warn Americans at any time that it may be necessary for them to

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STEAMER'S SAILING MAY BE POSTPONED

Owners Give Out Nothing Definite Regarding the St. Louis, Due to Leave Today

AWAIT LANSING'S ADVICE

American Steamer Dochra Sails For Genoa—Several British Vessels at New York Scheduled to Put to Sea Today.

New York, Feb. 2.—Pending official advices from Secretary Lansing of the State Department, President P. A. S. Franklin, of the International Mercantile Marine, said tonight that no official announcement could be made as to the sailing of the American Line steamship St. Louis, scheduled to leave here at noon tomorrow on her regular trip to Liverpool. Upon being informed that Mr. Lansing had stated in Washington that the line probably would be advised not to send the ship away, he added that naturally he would act in conformity with such a recommendation.

Preparations for the sailing of the ship proceeded today and when the passenger office closed for the night it was announced that passage had been booked by 280 persons, with only fifteen cancellations. A large percentage of those booked are American citizens.

President Franklin emphasized that the American Line is a "national institution" having a contract with the United States government for carrying mails to Europe on regular dates.

None of the British lines has received any new instructions as to the sailing of their ships, local representatives announced tonight. During the day five freighters, one of them an American vessel, left for trans-Atlantic ports. The American ship was the Dochra, for Genoa. Several ships of Great Britain and allied nations, among them the White Star liner Adriatic, are announced to sail tomorrow.

A complete tie-up, temporarily at least, of Dutch and Scandinavian shipping was indicated this afternoon by cable information received by various lines. The Scandinavian-American Line, whose passenger vessel Hellig Olav was held in port yesterday, received word that all sailing of passenger ships had been temporarily suspended.

The Royal Netherlands Steamship Co., which has ten vessels in American ports loading cargo consigned to the Dutch government, have been ordered to remain in port until further notice. Six vessels owned by the Swedish-American-Mexico Line also have been stopped pending further orders.

The Holland-America Line, with the steamer Noordam here loading to sail Monday for Rotterdam with passengers and cargo, was advised that the liner Nieuw Amsterdam, their largest vessel, had been recalled and it was expected, officials said, that delayed cables would

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RULES COMMITTEE BACK TO CAPITAL

"Leak" Hearing Transferred from New York Because of International Situation

SATISFIED WITH RESULTS

That There Was Leak of Some Kind Is No Longer Questioned—Telegraphers Refute Testimony of Connolly.

New York, Feb. 2.—Pressure of international affairs today caused the congressional committee that has been investigating the so-called "leak" on President Wilson's recent peace note to transfer the inquiry to Washington. Examination of witnesses will be resumed there tomorrow morning. Further hearings on particular pertinent local angles of the case probably will be resumed here as soon as the committeemen think their congressional duties will permit.

The committee has determined to sound at once the source of transmission of E. A. Connolly's advance resume of the President's note from Connolly's Washington brokerage office to E. F. Hutton & Company, New York brokers. If possible, George A. Ellis, Jr., a member of the Hutton firm who put Connolly's information into a telegraphic warning to all of Hutton's correspondents in the United States ten hours before the note was released, will be the first witness called. Ellis was due to arrive in Washington tonight from Savannah, Ga.

Connolly's testimony that he sent his information in a message by private wire from his office to the Hutton house now has been disputed by every telegrapher in Hutton's employ. The missing link in the testimony of all telegraphers who may have handled the message is that of the two operators in Connolly's office. They will be early witnesses.

Records of all long distance telephone calls between the two offices during the "peace note period," if any exist, also will be subpoenaed.

Satisfaction was expressed by committeemen on starting back to Washington tonight over the results of the local hearings. That there was a "leak" of some kind no longer is seriously questioned by any of them. Discovery of its existence through the testimony of E. F. Hutton, head of the Hutton house, is conceded. His testimony was a surprise to the committee, none of its members suspecting before coming here that such messages existed as have been unearthed.

So important are the Hutton-Connolly messages considered that the whole inquiry now is centered in unfolding all the facts surrounding them. The close of the inquiry apparently is distant and a request for an extension of the time in which the committee shall report on its inquiry to the house is expected. The present time limit will expire in about ten days.

BILL WOULD ALLOW COUNTY OFFICERS 3 TERMS; STATE 2

Constitutional Amendment Measure Introduced by Murphy With Bickett's Approval

SENATE TAKES TODAY OFF

House Amends Firemen's Relief Law and Passes Pure Drugs and Food Meaures

(By W. J. MARTIN).

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—After consultation with Governor Bickett, Speaker Murphy introduced in the House today the "rotation in office" bill to amend the constitution to prescribe that no State office shall be held by the same person for more than two terms in succession, and no offices in any of the counties for more than three successive terms. It is provided that the amendment to the constitution be voted on in 1918 and that, if it carries for "rotation in office," the amendment shall be effective from and after January 1, 1919.

Here is the vital clause of the bill, which was introduced by Mr. Murphy after a consultation with Governor Bickett:

"No office of this State for the administration of State affairs shall be held for more than two full terms in sucession by any person, and no office of any county for the administration of county affairs shall be held for more than three full terms in succession by any person, provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to any office in the judicial, educational or legislative or health departments of the State or a county, or to any office which is filled by appointment and not by election, and appointments to an unexpired term of any office and terms of office held prior to the time that this section goes into effect shall not be counted."

The Senate took another week-end recess, this time cutting out Saturday entirely and adjourning to noon Monday. The House will meet at 11 o'clock Saturday, but it will doubtless be a very short session.

Firemen's Bill Passed.

The House passed today the amendment to the law as to the State firemen's relief fund designed to cut out the exemption of North Carolina fire insurance companies from the payment of the tax. The non-resident companies only have been taxed for this fund in the past. It is expected that $2,000 will be added to the relief fund by bringing under the operations of the law the companies in this State as well as non-residents.

The re-introduction by Representatives Page and McLendon of bills for the popular election of the county boards of education this morning in the House caused members to "sit up and take notice" very considerable, since these bills were understood to be already under unfavorable majority and favrable minority reports from committees on education. It developed that there had arisen some question about the status of the bills owing to peculiar circumstances under which they had come from committees, and the re-introductions were merely to clear this tangle and let the bills come up on the floor of the House to be fought out, in spite of the unfavorable reports from committees. The McLendon bill provides that there shall be election of county boards throughout the State and the Page bill provides that there be petitions of citizens for such election before the change to the election system applies. The general view of the situation is that there will be little if any change in the present status, the usual appointment of the great majority of the boards to continue.

The House passed the bills prohibiting the sale of impure foods and drugs and directing the State Treasury to pay $15,000 expenses incurred in the mobilization of the State troops.

Beasley, of Union, introduced a joint resolution for a committee of two senators and three representatives to investigate the prisons of the State.

New Bills in Senate

New bills were introduced as follows in the Senate:

Long, of Halifax—Amend the law as to the sale of contingent remainders.

Joyce—Amend section 93 of 1903 Revisal relative to presenting claims of executors and others.

Bills passed to amend section 4,493 of the Revisal relating to the examination of applicants for medical licenses and providing that both civil and criminal cases can be tried at all terms of court in Madison county.

The bill to fix the legal rate of advertising introduced by McCoin for the association of afternoon newspapers was taken up and discussed a few minutes under favorable report from the committee on printing. Then it was re-referred to judiciary committee No. 2.

Senator Oates introduced a bill to amend the law as to fertilizer standards.

Bills passed relating to the primar-

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GUARDS INCREASED AT THE NEW YORK DOCK

Malone Confers With Police and Federal Representatives

Harbor Police Boats and Four Tugs of Cutter Service, With Full Steam Up and Crews Sleeping on Board, Awaiting Orders.

New York, Feb. 2.—Upon the receipt of special instructions from Washington, Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port, conferred late today with representatives of the Department of Justice and the New York police. None of those who attended the conferences would discuss what was considered beyond saying that questions relating to a "possible emergency" were talked over.

Mr. Malone has increased his force of dock guards and special inspectors until he now has more than 1,200 men under his command. Harbor police boats and four tugs of the coast guard service, under command of the collector, are at the docks with steam up and their crews sleeping on board.

It was learned that the commanders of several of the German ships, self-interned here, have refused permission to the collector's officers to go below their main decks on trips of inspection. Mr. Malone declined to discuss the subject except to say that the ships' officers were within their rights unless he obtained evidence that neutrality regulations were being violated.

PREPARATIONS ARE MADE TO ENFORCE NEUTRALITY

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—Preparations for the enforcement of neutrality regulations were made here today. The torpedo boat destroyer Jouette was stationed inside the Delaware breakwater tonight with orders to examine all ships and to let none pass without clearance papers.

Four steamers, two British and two Swedish, bearing capacity cargoes sailed from here for ports in the forbidden zone outlined by Germany. Six others obtained clearance papers.

The guard of marines in and about the navy yard was greatly augmented and the marine detachment on duty at the village of interned officers and sailors of the German auxiliary cruisers Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Frederich was doubled, 24 men, their rifles loaded with ball cartridges standing guard about the ships.

SPORTS

AMERICANS ADD ANOTHER VICTORY TO THEIR STRING

Administer Defeat to Red Sox in Fast Game of Basketball Last Night.

The strong Americans of the Friday night basketball league of the Y. M. C. A. continued their winning streak last night by administering defeat to the Red Sox by the overwhelming score of 36 to 13. The game was a hard fought one and the champions did not have a walk away victory by any means. It was featured by the all round good playing of Little, who shot seven goals.

In the second game the Athletics, handicapped by the loss of one of their best players and having only four men on their team, were easily defeated by the Tigers, the score being 49 to 18.

CAROLINA GOES DOWN IN DEFEAT BEFORE DAVIDSON TEAM

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 2.—In a fast and snappy game, featured by a whirlwind finish, Carolina tonight went down before the fast Davidson team, 36 to 31. The White and Blue was swamped by the perfect team work of the visitors and with better shooting Davidson's score would have been larger. Shepard for Carolina and Reece and Hangerveit, Davidson, played pretty games, Shepard caging seven field goals. Reece played a great defensive game, and working with Hangervelt kept the ball in Davidson's possession one-third of the time.

With two minutes to play and the score 32 to 24, Carolina sprinted and Davidson followed. The speedy passing and shooting kept the spectators on their feet for the rest of the game.

Greensboro Will Try Again

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 2.—A meeting of Greensboro base-ball fans will be held Monday night for the purpose of making another effort to raise sufficient funds to insure base-ball here this season. The call is for a "mass meeting" of citizens who are interested in the national game. It is a fact that the Greensboro Base-Ball Club is in a bad way, and most of the people of the city are disheartened, discouraged, and despondent over the past efforts and future prospects of the club.

Semi-Finals Played.

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 2.—Norman Maxwell, Philadelphia, defeated Henry W. Seiggerman, Englewood, 7 up and 6 to play and E. O. Beall, Uniontown, defeated Lee W. Maxwell, New York, 1 up in 20 holes, in the semi-finals of the St. Valentine's golf tournament here today.

Many Lives Lost in Chicago Explosion

WITH TEMPERATURE 10 BELOW ZERO OVER 100 MEN WERE WORKING IN RUINS OF TENEMENT HOUSE LAST NIGHT.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—More than a hundred men worked tonight over the smouldering, ice-covered ruins of a tenement house in the Ghetto district wrecked by an explosion at an early hour this morning. The tenement contained sleeping men, women and children variously estimated at between 80 and 90.

Of the number tossed in all directions and buried beneath the debris by the force the explosion these results had been established tonight:

Known dead 7; injured 21; missing 27; rescued uninjured 22.

Twenty-four hours more at least, according to Fire Marshal O'Connor, would be necessary to clear away the mass of debris and ice in order to fully determine whether there are others in the ruins. It is believed there are about 12 others buried in the ruins.

The intense cold—ten below zero—retarded the firemen and the streams turned on the burning tenement turned to ice almost as soon as the water fell. The explosion is believed to have been caused by leaking gas.

TEMPERATURES MUCH BELOW FREEZING ALL OVER SOUTH

Coldest Weather For Many Years Recorded at Many Points.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 2.—Mississippi tonight experienced the lowest temperature in several years, the thermometer here standing for a time at 16 degrees above zero.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 2.—The temperature here today dropped almost to zero and it was predicted the mercury would fall below that point tonight.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 2.—Within 39 hours the theromemter fell 36 degrees here and tonight stood 17 degrees above zero. This is the coldest weather here since 1899.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 2.—Temperatures several degrees below freezing were registered in central and northern Florida today but a high wind prevented much crop damage. Fruit and truck growers were tonight covering field crops and burning smudges in orchards to prevent losses by frost.

BRITISH PUBLIC EXTREMELY EAGER TO LEARN U. S. POLICY

Papers Speculate Gingerly on Action This Country Will Take

London, Feb. 2.—The extreme public eagerness to learn what course the United States will take is mirrowed by the newspapers, which feature the question predominantly and print long dispatches from America and other contributions dealing therewith. The editorials mostly speculate somewhat gingerly.

"It is not for us," says the Daily Telegraph, "to judge the issue between the United States and Germany or to offer advice. The government of the United States is the keeper of the American conscience as it is also the leader of neutral states."

The paper also says: "Americans would hardly be human if they did not resent the cowardly effrontry of Germany's conduct towards the President."

AMERICAN INDIGNATION HAS UPSETTING EFFECT IN BERLIN

Had Been Hoped United States Would Renew Peace Negotiations

London, Feb. 2.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says:

"Political circles in Berlin are much upset by the reports of the indignation aroused in America by the announcement of Germany's submarine blockade, it having been believed that the United States, understanding Germany's desperate position, would start negotiations to bring about an early peace conference. There is still hope that President Wilson's answer will be conciliatory and afford a basis for negotiations."

SEVERAL ARE KILLED WHEN PASSENGER TRAIN IS DITCHED

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 2.—Chicago, Burlington and Quincy passenger train No. 12 ran into an open switch near Cromwell, Iowa, late tonight and was ditched, it was announced at the headquarters of the Burlington. A number of persons were injured. Five are known to have been killed.

EXTRA GUARDS ARE PLACED OVER TWO U. S. WARSHIPS

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 2.—Extra guards, armed with big navy pistols in addition to the rifle on their shoulders, were placed around the battleship Louisiana and torpedo boat destroyer Benham at the navy yard tonight.

Investigate Cotton Exchange.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Without debate the Senate today passed a resolution of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, directing the Attorney General to investigate buying and selling operations of the New York cotton exchange to ascertain if the methods employed are in violation of the law.

Columbus, N. M., Feb. 2.—Eleven hundred refugees, including Americans, Mexicans, French, German, Chinese, Japanese, Arabs and others reached the border here today, escorted to the line by a troop of United States cavalry.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE

Met at 11 a. m.

Agreed to vote Monday afternoon on repassage of the vetoed immigration bill.

Bill for immediate construction of 100 submarines introduced by Senator Poindexter.

Senator Shafroth proposed resolution to urge President to negotiate international joint tribunal treaty with other nations for settlement of disputes.

Adopted resolution directing attorney general to investigate operations of the New York cotton exchange.

Resumed debate on water power bill.

Laid aside waterpower bill and began debate on annual agricultural bill.

Recessed at 6 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Reconvened at 8 p. m.

Passed miscellaneous bills.

Recessed at 11 p. m. to 11 a. m. Saturday.

HOUSE

Met at noon.

Began debate on naval appropriation bill.

Postoffice committee arranged hearing next Wednesday on Senate bill prohibiting newspapers bearing liquor advertisements from being mailed into dry territory.

Passed Senate's Alaska prohibition bill.

Disagreed to Senate amendments to Indian, and legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bills.

Secretary Baker asked for additional deficiency appropriation of $11,613,000 for army and National guard.

Adjourned at 4:05 p. m. to 11 a. m. Saturday.

DENY THAT MACHINERY ON GERMAN SHIPS WAS WRECKED

Two Sailors Make Escape and Five Others Caught in Attempt

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 2.—Rumors which spread tonight that the crews of two German steamers which are voluntarily interned here had wrecked the machinery were denied by agents of the North-German Lloyd. It became known that two of the crew of the interned steamer Rhein escaped from that ship last night. Five of the crew of the steamer Neckar were caught stealing away from the vessel tonight by customs house agents. They told the guards that they feared trouble and wanted to be away from it.

The masters of the seven Dutch steamers in port got orders today to suspend sailing indefinitely.

THEY CANNOT FREEZE YOU OUT if you are a stockholder in the Rural Building and Loan Association. The small investor has as much as the large one. New Series Saturday, February 3rd, 1917. James Owen Reilly, Secretary-treasurer.—(adv.)

AMERICAN PEOPLE STAND READY TO BACK PRESIDENT

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fest weakness has been in a failure to understand other peoples and to appreciate the moral forces working in them. She may not know the spirit of the good-natured, tolerant war-hating giant she now challenges. She may overestimate, as she has done before in the case of other nations, the influence of sordid motives, of the inertia of comfort and of dissentient elements among us, which she may expect to paralyze our action. She may stir an active patriotism in our people which she does not suspect. She may shock us into a real preparation for war and the sacrifice it involves as nothing else might.

"She may push us at once into a league to enforce a just peace. She may force us into an organization of our potential military strength on the one hand, and into a moral leadership in the maintenance of international justice on the other. Then henceforth our isolation from the wars and welfare of the rest of the world would be at an end. When peace would come, the eyes of our people, in spite of warnings of statesmen who are looking backward, would be opened not only to the wisdom but to the necessity of our leading the nations into a permanent world's league to enforce peace."

TAFT DEFENDS IDEA OF THE LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

Washington, Feb. 2.—William Howard Taft, former president, in an address before the National Chamber of Commerce here tonight further defended the idea of a League to Enforce Peace from criticism which it has received at the hands of Theodore Roosevelt, W. J. Bryan, Senator Borah, of Idaho, and others. The National Chamber of Commerce has given its support to the proposal of the league, a fact, Mr. Taft said, which had carried much influence in this country and abroad.

"With deference to the ability of our opponents to grasp our proposals by intuition," said Mr. Taft, "we submit that before they are contemptuously rejected, or scattered into bits by verbal lyddite, they are entitled to study.

"Mr. Roosevelt, apparently without reading its proposals, denounced the league as 'feeble folly' and as prompted by motives peculiarly base because it would enforce the judgment of courst of arbitration. Then upon learning that the proposals do not involve enforcement of judgments, he characterizes them as a 'flagrant deception of the public.' Senator Borah denounces the plan of the league to be 'heinous, immoral and vicious.' These are three formidable adjectives, of which one would seem adequate to carry the argument. The senator, however, qualifies his words by disavowing intention to assail individuals. The senator should look to his laurels in the field of verbal warfare and slaughter, because such leniency may exclude him from the class of epithetical statesmen."

"The purpose of the league," Mr. Taft explained, "is to organize the world's strength into an international police to enforce a procedure with respect to issues likely to lead to war, which will prevent all wars but those which nothing can prevent.

"The procedure to be enforced is the submission of questions of a legal nature, the decision of which must be guided by rules of law, to an international court for its judgment, and the submission of all other questions to an impartial commission to hear and decide, its decision to take the form of a recommendation of compromise. The judgment of the legal question of the court will be legally and in honor binding on the parties. That is implied in a submission to a court. The recommendation of compromise, however, is not in law or in honor binding unless the parties accept it. The league does not propose to enforce either. Sometime if the league comes into successful operation, it may be thought well to enforce judgments just as domestic judgments are enforced. The difficulty, however, that even the Supreme Court of the United States has in enforcing its judgments against sovereign states may give pause in taking that step. The enforcement of recommendations of compromise present a still more serious problem. Nations ay well hesitate to submit questions of policy and vital interests to the unlimited discretion of arbitrartors, unguided by settled principles of law, for their final decision, and its enforcement by the world police."

PLANS FOR RAILROAD BRIDGE ACROSS THE POTOMAC RIVER

War Department to Consider Construction by Short Line Road

Washington, Feb. 2.—Plans for the bridge which the Washington Newport News short line railroad proposes to construct across the Potomac near Wetomkin Point, Va., were submitted today to General Black, chief of engineers of the army. Both houses of Congress have passed a bill authorizing the construction and it awaits the President's signature.

An ordinary truss bridge with a swing draw having two openings each 200 feet in width at the river channel, is provided for in the plans. The secretary of war will decide whether the bridge may be constructed at that point under the plans after he receives a report from the chief of engineers. Shipping interests oppose the construction of a drawbridge at that point, it is said, on the ground that it would be a menace to navigation.

GERMAN CREW ON APPAM TO ATTEMPT TO COME ASHORE?

Collector and District Attorney Go Aboard Cutter Yamacraw

Newport News, Va., Feb. 2.—Collector of Customs Norman R. Hamilton and United States District Attorney Hiram Smith arrived here tonight and boarded the coast guard cutter Yamacraw, following which it was reported that Lieutenant Hans Berg and the crew of the German prize ship Appam anchored here were to be put ashore.

The collector and attorney had taken no action at midnight and it was assumed that they had received orders from Washington to delay.

STEAMER'S SAILING MAY BE POSTPONED

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bring them similar instructions to those received by other neutral foreign lines.

Ships of Holland and Scandinavian countries have for nearly a year been calling at Kirkwall in compliance with the order of the British government for examination and inspection of passengers and cargo there. Under the provisions of the German note, as it is interpreted by local representatives, they are barred from going into the indicated war zone around the British Isles. These conflicting orders have added to the uncertainty and seriousness of the situation.

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Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working; headache and dizziness gone; stomach will be sweet and bowels regular.

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Having qualified as Administrator C. T. A., of Sarah A. Parmele, late of Wilmington, N. C., I hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the estate of said Testatrix, to present the same to the undersigned on or before January 5th, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1917.

C. B. PARMELE,
Administrator C. T. A. of Sarah A. Parmele.

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This 13th day of January, 1917.

CORNELIA CUOTON,
Executrix.

THEATRICAL

Startling, sensational and thrilling are the circumstances which wound themselves around the life story of "Trilby," the pretty model of the Latin quarter. When Svengali, the weird hypnotist from the East, came into her life and got her into his power her life was changed as he willed. From a girl with no voice at all, she became one of the most famous and successful singers in the world and she made Svengali wealthy. And then when illness sapped Svengali's strength, he lost his power over her and love again entered into her life. All of these things go to make a film story of wonderful power and enthralling interest. Miss Clara Kimball Young in the role of Trilby, will be the attraction at the Grand today and she will be supported by a particularly capable cast including Wilton Lackaye and over thirty principals.

CLARA KIMB ALL YOUNG
In That Sensational Feature, "Trilby," at the Grand Theatre Today

Howe's Travel Festival

The most daring work ever accomplished in polar exploration will be shown by Lyman H. Howe at the Academy of Music matinee and night on Wednesday February 14. It is a filmization of Sir Douglas Mawson's Expedition into Antarctica. The pictures are photographic gems throughout. They are replete with thrilling spisodes and breathless adventures in a region where hurricanes are almost constant and where blizzards of violence unknown in any other part of the earth rage almost incessantly They virtually transport spectators to an entirely new continent which abounds with great, new vistas, strange sights, and in every respect an environment so impressive that it can never be forgotten.

The entrancing beauties of Yosemite National Park will also be revealed in a delightful ride over winding trails, right through Giant Sequoias and past tremendous precipices over which crystal rivers tumble and swirl, and leap from cliff to cliff until they become great clouds of snowy whiteness. Numerous other features will be presented as well as a series of these clever animated cartoons that contribute so much to the merriment of the program throughout.

All-Star Bill at Bijou

It is an all-star bill of tremendously interesting subjects that the Bijou has booked for the great Saturday crowds for today. It is a bill that possesses every known variety of motion picture ever known—something that will exactly appeal to every individual who visits that theatre today.

Dan Russell—you all know the "feel trust" of L-Koland—and you all know the kind of comedy work he dishes out in every L-Ko Comedy in which he is starred. Well, he comes today in a great one—"Heart Sick at Sea,"—and from appearance Dan's heart wasn't the only place he felt weak at. It's a continuous scream from beginning to end and will bring many grims and laughs to your face.

Animately Weekly—the great news film of the Universal— is also on today with its covering of big world events, more than twenty different scenes being shown, besides the big cartoons on the end.

And now for a big one—a mammoth three-reel dramatic Gold Seal feature, "A Prodigal Widow," one of the strongest and most interesting Universal features of the year, starring Edward Cecil, and all-star supporting cast—three reels, mind you. That makes it a great five reel bill for Bijou patrons today.

'The Crimson Stain Mystery''—Episode No. 1.

Starring Maurice Costello and Ethel Grandin at the Royal Next Monday and Tuesday.

GREENSBORO TO UNDERTAKE TO RAISE $200,000 FOR RAILROAD

To Secure Building of Coler Railroad Into the City.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 2.—An effort will be made to raise $200,000 in Greensboro by subscription, bond issue, or otherwise, in order to bring the Carolina & Yadkin railroad to this city. President Bird S. Coler, of the company has been here from New York several days, having come for the purpose of discussing with Greensboro business men the proposed extension of his road.

Three years ago Mr. Coler offered to extend the road to Greensboro if local interests would provide for $100,000, but he says that cannot be done now, for the reason that cost of rails and wages are such that the expense of building the road from High Point to Greensboro will be about double what it would have been three years ago. The proposed road would give connection with the Norfolk Southern, Southbound and S. A. L. railroads.

ALMOST UNANIMOUS OPINION IF AMERICAN INTERESTS ATTACKED

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leave a belligerent country. On that ground, it is understood, the State Department will not issue a formal notice through Ambassador Gerard for Americans to leave Germany before the situation has become utterly hopeless. Until then the Ambassador is expected to keep them fully enough informed of developments and perhaps to add his personal opinion, to guide them to a wise decision. There are estimated how to be about 3,000 American citizens in Germany, of whom about three quarters are former Germans.

Neutral Shipping Stopped

The German declaration is thought to have had the immediate effect expected in the temporary stopping of much neutral shipping. The United States is advising against American vessels leaving its ports; Holland has provisionally prohibited her merchantmen from going out; Norway has, for the time, forbidden her vessels to sail; and Denmark has suggested to ship owners that they first ask official advice. These postponements of sailings, however, are admittedly only temporary pending action on the main issue involved.

What Spain is doing is unknown here, though press reports show that Premier Romanones, while negotiating with the German ambassador as to the safety of Spanish vessels and the preservation of the Spanish export trade, has announced rather equivocally to the Cortes that the army and navy have been given instructions commensurate with the crisis.

Some Neutrals May Co-Operate

Co-operation by some neutrals is forecast here as a distinct possibility. The whole neutral diplomatic corps has shown a degree of interest hardly surpassed during the war, as the double question is involved, not only of what the United States is going to do but what action their own government will take. Admittedly the action of part at least of the neutrals will be most decisively influenced by that of the United States.

No other proposition of the war has so completely affected all neutrals alike, it is pointed out. The European neutrals are struck in their vitals; the South American neutrals, as shown by their first press comment, are hardly less affected through the cutting off of their foreign trade. Press comment from South America has indicated that part of the public opinion there favors identical action with that of the United States.

Spanish Envoy Active

The Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, called at the State Department today largely for information and also, it is understood, with the thought that Spain might be asked to take over the affairs of the United States and of the countries which the United States represents in case of an actual break. He is known, however, not to have been approached on that subject as yet.

The actual accomplishments of the German campaign are being watched with the deepest interest and now that a second day has passed officials are inclined to believe the campaign may be more spectacular than fatal. In this connection the statement of Rear-Admiral Lacaze, French minister of marine, that only one-half of one per cent. of all the shipping entering French ports in the last eleven months had been sunk, is regarded of timely interest.

Public opinion as reported from abroad is being keenly watched and gratification is expressed that the allied press is fully cognizant of the difficulties here and is showing a confident restraint.

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THREE PARDONS GRANTED

Prisoners From Moore, Stokes and Pitt Given Liberty.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—Governor Bickett granted pardons today for three prisoners serving terms of imprisonment. One is for R. A. Britt, of Moore county, serving twenty-five years for second degree murder. He has served over twelve years. Recently he sustained a stroke of paralysis, being permanently disabled. The family is represented to be able to take care of him and desire to do so.

William Tuttle, Stokes county, serving three years sentence for second degree burglar, is pardoned after two years service on the ground that he was only 17 years old when the crime was committed, that the place entered was the boy's step grand father's and he was led into the offense by an older brother.

J. R. Buck, of Pitt county, is pardoned from remainder of a six months sentence for an assault on his wife. He made no defense at the trial except to plead that he was drunk and didn't know what he was doing. He has a wife and dependent children and the wife joins in the appeal for the pardon.

GERMAN ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE TO SHIPPING

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from Australia to England are making steadily increased demands upon this tonnage which also must transport from Denmark 60 per cent. of England's butter supply and from Holland, virtually all of her margarine supply. Any considerable reduction of this tonnage, it is claimed, would limit England's supply of bread-stuffs so critically as to force peace within a few months.

On the other hand, if the United States should be drawn into the war, these unofficial critics foresee a prolongation of the war and, as a conclusion, Europe completely exhausted and America weakened, while Japan's military strength, they assert, virtually would be unimpaired and her financial resources vastly increased.

Captain Persius, writing in Tageblatt, throws a dash of cold water upon such reasoners by declaring that British tonnage undoubtedly will be greatly increased during the war by the building of new bottoms. He also warns them against making too optimistic estimates of the prospective achievements of German submarines and against regarding too lightly the probable counter measures upon which, he asserts, the British admiralty undoubtedly is zealously working.

AUSTRALIA'S GOLD DAYS.

Enormous Nuggets Feature of Rich Finds and Cause Sensation.

(National Geographic Magazine.)

Edward Harstraves was so impressed with the similarity between the gold-bearing rock of California and the rocks along the Macquarie that he hurried back to Australia and had the satisfaction of startling the peaceful colonies by the discovery of gold in New South Wales in February, 1851.

Reports of panning $100 to $200 per day and of finding nuggets worth thousands of dollars each upset even the most sober minded. Even government officers and policemen deserted, and order was kept and offices manned by soldiers brought from Tasmania and from England.

The workings at Ballarat and Bendigo justified the excitement. For the first ten years, 1852-1861, the output was valued at $486,000,000. From the Victoria field have come 412 gold nuggets, each weighing over 10 ounces, 52 over 500 ounces, and 12 over 1,000 ounces. The weight of the "Welcome" was 2,217 ounces, and of the "Welcome Stranger," found an inch belof the surface, 2,520 ounces, worth $50,000.

Fayetteville Firemen Banquetted.

Fayetteville, Feb. 2.—The members of the Fayetteville fire department were entertained at a banquet at the Rosemond hotel last night by W. F. Smith and C. W. Sandrock, R. G. Haigh, president of the department, presided and Mayor J. D. McNeill was toastmaster. Hon. J. A. Turner, mayor of Louisburg, was a guest of honor and was one of those who responded to toasts.

GO TO BED A MILLIONAIRE

and wake up a poor man. That is what happens when you own some stocks. Not so when you are a stockholders in the Rural Building and Loan Association. They money you invest in the Rural has ever safe guard around it, and is worth more each day. The average percentage earned by the Rural Building and Loan is about 7 per cent. You cannot find a better investment with the same amount of safety. Remember the date, Saturday, February 3rd, 1917, new Series opens. J. Holmes Davis, president; Marshall Shrier, vice president; James Owen Reilly, secretary and treasurer, 118 Princess street. —(adv.)

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor.—Preaching services in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8. Sabbath school in the afternoon at 3:30. Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:45. Senior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor at 7:15 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. W. H. Koelling, pastor.—Sabbath school in the morning at 10:30. Preaching at 11. Junior Christian Endeavor in the evening at 6:30. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Harnett Street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist in charge.—Sunday school in the morning at 9:30. Preaching every fourth Sunday.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor—Services tomorrow morning at 11 at which time the officers-elect will be ordained and installed. Sunday school at 3:30. In the evening at 7:45 services will be conducted by Rev. A. W. Crawford, superintendent of Home Missions for the Synod of North Carolina. Midweek services Wednesday evening at 7:45. Visitors cordially invited to attend the services.

Delgado Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor—Services tomorrow evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 10:15. Mid-week services Thursday evening at 7:30. Public heartily invited to the services.

OFFICERS O FTHE STEAMER LIEBENFELS TAKEN IN CUSTODY

They Refuse to Say What Caused Sinking of Ship at Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 2.—Federal officials representing the navy, customs service and the Department of Justice began a joint inquiry into the sinking in the harbor here yesterday of the German steamer Liebenfels, which had been tied up her sinc the war began. Meanwhile Fred C. ePters, collector of the port, took formal charge of the steamer and her officers, including Captain Klattenhoff, were taken in custody by W. V. Howard, inspector of immigration.

It was understood that Captain Klattenhoff and several other of the vessel's officers were closely questioned today but none of the Federal officials would discuss the matter. Officers of the Liebenfels have steadfastly refused to say publicly what caused her to sink.

BILL WOULD ALLOW COUNTY OFFICERS 3 TERMS; STATE 2

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ies in Jones county and putting Pamlico county under the State-wide primary law.

The Doughton substitute for the bill to provide for absentee voting passed second reading and then went over for final reading to Saturday to give opportunity for senators to examine it.

Passed Final Reading

Bills passed final reading: To abolvide for uniform warehouse receipts; Amend the law as to the State School for the Blind; Amend the law as to navigation on the Cape Fear; Permit the erection of a bronze statue of John H. Mills in Nash Square, Raleigh; Relating to the office of treasurer in Yancey county.

New Bills in House

New bills were introduced in the House as follows:

Wilson—Put Transylvania county under the operation of the State quart law.

Johnson—Regulate the speed of automobiles in passing other machines.

Brummitt—Prevent convict prisoners from contracting tuberculosis.

Beasley—Provide for the printing of certain State records.

Winston—Prevent blindness in infancy.

Bills passed final readings: To abolish the chain gang in Pasquotank county; Amend the charter of Fremont; Regulate fees of recorder's court in Robeson county; Amend the law relative to courts in Brunswick; Prohibit public drunkenness in Graham county; Amend the law as to the status of itemized accounts in evidence; Raise the age limit of consent from 10 to 12 years; Regulate the fees of justices of the peace; Amend the law as to the compulsory education of the blind; Regulate the sale and advertisement of proprietary medicines; Amend the law as to the arrest of felons.

Grant, of New Hanover, failed to secure a two-thirds vote that would put on immediate passage the bill relative to the age of moral responsibility. This forced the bill over to another day.

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BETTER VAUDEVILLE PROMISED

Conference of Carolina Theatre Men Held in Greensboro

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 2.—A conference was held here yesterday afternoon between managers of theatres in North Carolina and Virginia, in which they decided to co-operate in securing better vaudeville. President P. W. Wells, of the association, has recently returned from a trip in the North and recommended what he believed is a solution of the problem. Better vaudeville is promised for theatre-goers in the leading cities of the two states within the next few weeks. The cities represented in the association are Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Goldsboro, Kinston, Petersburg, Newport News, Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh, Charlotte, Lynchburg, Danville and Bluefield, the last named city being in West Virginia.

Greensboro Headquarters.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 2.—Headquarters for promotion in North Carolina and the southern part of Virginia of a new feature in educational work in schools and home gardening, undertaken by the United States Department of Education, will be in this city. Miss Ethel Gowans, recognized as an authority in this line of work, yesterday presented to the city the proposition of the governmental department, and this was accepted by the city commissioners. Greensboro was designated by Dr. P. P. Claxton because of his former residence in and friendship for the Gate City.

Simmons Back to Washington

New Bern, Feb. 2.—Having completely recovered from an attack of la grippe, Senator F. M. Simmons, chairman of the Finance committee of the United States Senate, has returned to the capital city to resume his duties. The senator came to New Bern about ten days ago and at that time physicians feared that he was about to have an attack of pneumonia but he pulled through safely and before returning to the capital city, declared that he felt unusually fit.

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WILMINGTON

Wilmington is the financial center and clearing house for the Carolinas. In the past eight years the capital and surplus of the Wilmington banks have increased practically one million dollars and for the same period the deposits have increased four and one-half million dollars.

Wilmington is North Carolina's only deep water seaport. The total commerce on the Cape Fear river averaged annually $55,685,000 for five calendar years ending 1913. The Cape Fear river has a depth of 26 feet at mean low water. Eleven large water-front terminals are available for storage purposes.

Wilmington reaches out to the trade centers of the continent with five separate railway lines. Less than 24 hours by rail to New York. Regular steamboat service to New York by Clyde Steamship Co. Thirty passenger trains enter and leave Wilmington daily.

Wilmington handles one-fifth of the cotton crop of the two States. Total interior business financed in Wilmington, $50,000,000. Covers North and South Carolina with an annual jobbing business of $45,000,000.

Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches, located near Wilmington, are widely known and popular resorts. Over 100,000 visitors spend their annual vacations at these well known and easily accessible summer resorts.

The Wilmington district, embracing New Hanover and the five surrounding counties, is rich in agricultural advantages. The government recommends the fine soil types in this section. It is the favored district for intensive agriculture.

Wilmington leads the way in improved health conditions and is the recognized model for other cities. Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the United States Public Health Service, says New Hanover leads all counties in the South in improved sanitation.

The census population of Wilmington is 29,892. Is the largest distributing point south of Baltimore for the products of the Standard Oil Co. There are millions of feet of pine, gum and hardwoods available for manufacturing, and many successful wood-working plants.

Wilmington has good streets, good roads and good schools. It is an ideal place of residence.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1917.

TOP O' THE MORNING.

A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of the knowledge of the Bible. There are a good many problems before me as President, but I expect to find the solution of those problems just in the proportion that I am faithful in the study of the word of God.—WOODROW WILSON

Be careful, else you'll get caught at it.

Germany evidently aims to make Britain want peace.

Rotation in official efficiency is the best kind of rotation in office.

If things do not come your way maybe it's because you are not on the right road.

A man who is always full of cheer never wig-wags to himself while he zig-zags along the street.

It is a mistake to suppose that carrots are put in the soup just to make it look as if it has a filler in it.

The announcement is made that "shoes may go to $15," but if they do we can't go more than one-third the way with them.

Of course, it's all right to make it "bone dry" so's everybody can sing that familiar short meter song, "Dese dry bones'll rise ergin'."

The potato outlook in Florida is good, and certainly it is a wise potato that makes use of all its eyes in order to see the needs of the country.

A contemporary makes reference to an individual by the name of J. Fuller Gloom. Maybe he lives in Ferginny and prefers to be a jay full o' corn.

What has become of the great flocks of turkey buzzards which used to congregate in the old cypress trees in this neck of the woods? Have you seen even one for some time?

Those who are anxious for some of us to run for some office or other next year do so without our authority, but so far nobody has taken any such authority upon themselves.

Men wouldn't prevaricate half as much as they do if they were not pushed up to it by questions asked with a view to getting them to give themselves away with the same frankness displayed by George Washington when he acknowledged the corn and threw himself upon the mercy of dad.

Owing to the fact that self-preservation is the first law of nature, we have no idea of taking a sea voyage that will take us in a submarine war zone anywhere. It is our privilege to do it, but some privileges get so they are not worth two cents to us. What would home be worth if we were missing from among the other bric-a-brac?

Men used to leave home because they would get left if they stayed at home. If young men can't get opportunities in North Carolina, they will go elsewhere to get them, but the good old North State should be so good to her own sons that they will prefer to stick to her. If she sticks to them they will stick to her. Give North Carolinians their full opportunity.

COTTON IS A FOOL?

In addition to the eloquent apostrophe which the lamented Henry W. Grady once paid to King Cotton, he remarked on another occasion that "cotton is a fool" Along about that time cotton made a fool of itself and went down to 4 1-2 cents a pound. At times cotton flopped up and down in price like a chicken with its head chopped off.

The truth about cotton is that it makes fools of men. As a factor in gambling, cotton seems to lack nerve. It will advance bravely and then get cold feet and slump. Cotton can't stand wild reports, so it seems to us that what cotton likes best is peace.

Cotton lost all its nerve on the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges on Thursday when the most sensational break in the history of cotton occurred because of the German decree that unrestricted submarine warfare had been decided upon and that all vessels carrying contraband to England, France, Italy, Russia or any other Entente country would be sent to the bottom without warning. The price on the New York exchange dropped $20.80 a bale, while the extreme drop on the New Orleans exchange was from $18.50 to $21.75 a bale.

After all that tremendous drop in the price of options, cotton again caught its breath and reacted strongly again. The Liverpool market never got nearly so excited as the American market, the decline there being $7.50 a bale. Neither would the Southern spot holders yield. The American exporters got excited because they feared that Germany's submarine campaign would make shipping scarcer and insurance higher and practically put the whole of Europe out of the market. In England they knew a little more about the shipping situation than was known in New York.

Well, cotton sure does make fools of men. It makes fools of the cotton growers and the cotton speculators and now and then it fools all the manufacturers. Nothing else that grows is such a gambler's crop as cotton. Reports of large acreage put down the price before even the condition of the growing crop is known. If young cotton is doing well, a general rain over the belt plays smash with the price. A drought or a frost will cause the price to go up. We see what the rude alarms of war will do for King Cotton, but the old king's votaries have unlimited faith in the fickle old thing.

It is curious how cotton fools all of them, but those farmers who were about to prepare to plant a large acreage this year are yet able to save their bacon if they will only do it. There will be just as much money in producing something to eat as there is in cotton, even at a high price, but a large acreage and the war situation combined is liable to knock all the spots out of cotton by next fall. Maybe not, but it's a gamble—about like crackoloo.

All the world needs cotton but it is not willing to pay 20 cents for it, whereas the fleecy staple ought to be worth 25 cents on the average in order to be a really profitable crop. The cotton consumers in England do not want to pay the price, so they want to gain their freedom from what they call America's monopoly of cotton production. For instance, at a meeting of the Manchester chamber of commerce held January 11, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the board of directors view with grave apprehension the rapidly increasing consumption of cotton and are of the opinion that it is absolutely vital in the interests of Great Britain that new and reliable sources of supply within the empire be obtained as soon as possible—and encourage to the utmost extent—to neutralize the effect of this increasing scarcity. The board therefore calls upon the government to appoint forthwith a committee to envisage the whole question and to report to the government."

One thing that all Europe will do after the war will be to attack this American monopoly of cotton growing. Last year Russia produced practically all her own cotton. Her manufacturers used 1,870,000 bales as against 1,650,000 bales in 1914. During the 1915-1916 season Russia's cotton growing area produced 1,500,000 bales compared with 1,080,000 bales the year before. Thus, Russia increased her cotton production 33 per cent in one season, and in order to promote cotton growing there a duty of nearly 15 cents a pound is levied on cotton imported itno that country.

Russia is now independent of us so far as cotton is concerned, and we note that England also wants her own cotton growing industry. America can grow cotton cheaper than any other country because of area conditions and transportation, but the South is not hankering after growing cotton at cost in order to please the world.

WHAT OF OUR MEAT SUPPLY?

America's greatest financial institution, the National City Bank, is just as deeply concerned over the South's livestock possibilities as are the most intense believers in the cattle, hog and sheep raising adaptabilities of the South Atlantic region. In a recent circular issued by that bank, it is asked, "What of Our Meat Supply?" The bank is looking at the question from the viewpoint of a city of several million meat consumers, not to mention the 30,000,000 Northern consumers that are within 18 to 24 hours railroad run from the Cape Fear region of North Carolina. The bank is speaking for New York's millions and it is discussing a practical subject of vital interest to consumers.

The livestock industry is a very live question, and The Star has been insistently discussing because it is a very vital question to us as consumers and doubly so because of its vital importance to us as possible producers. New York is interested because she wants the meat, and every North Carolinian ought to be interested because of our ability to make the meat that 30,000,000 Northern consumers must have.

How many bankers throughout North Carolina are so keenly and intelligently interested in the livestock possibilities of North Carolina as the National City Bank is interested in the queston as a national one? We can rest assured that we cannot be more immediately concerned in North Carolina's packing house and livestock movement than are the people of New York. The great metropolitan papers discuss the topic as one of immediate importance to the millions of consumers of the Northern and Eastern states this side the Mississippi river.

It is particularly important to the people of North Carolina because the livestock and packing house industries offer us as great an opportunity as Ohio got when her vast oil fields began to yield their wealth. The Cape Fear region is rich in adaptabilities and possibilities and all that is needed on our part is in the initiative and the ability to make the most of them. In discussing the startling decline in the livestock supply of the United States in the last ten years, the National City Bank takes this hopeful view in its circular:

"Comparing the number of cattle and sheep in the United States January 1, 1917, with the number in 1907 it appears there has been a fall of 10,000,000 in the number of cattle and 5,000,000 in the number of sheep. In the meantime the population of the country has grown by about 15,000,000. In other words, our cattle supply has decreased 20 per cent, our sheep supply 10 per cent, while the consuming population was expanding 18 per cent. Hogs are the only class of food animals showing an increase, there being about 13,000,000 more in the United States now than ten years ago. In ten years the value of cattle other than milch cows has increased from $17.09 per head to $35.88 and the value of sheep per head has increased from $3.83 to $7.14 and of swine from $7.63 to $11.73 per head.

"On the face of these revelations it would appear that there was not much hope for the meat situation in the United States. However, the real facts are that the live stock situation has been showing steady improvement since 1913. In that year the number of cattle in the plains of the West reached its low point. Since then there has been steady improvement and according to the figures of the Department of Agriculture there now are some 4,600,000 more cattle in the country than there were at the end of 1913.

"The cattle business is getting on its feet again. Means have been taken to eradicate the cattle tick, which is the cause of Texas fever. Better breeding methods have come into use. Bankers have become interested in cattle, and cattle paper is finding favor where it was not known before. Stockmen find it easier to finace their operations.

"Still the country is not entirely out of danger in respect to the meat situation. More and more cows and calves find their way into the markets. Persisted in, this can not fail to have its effect. When breeding animals and young calves are sold for food, consumption is a little bit ahead of production and the only result can be a postponement of the inevitable."

Note the apparent approval of the government's war on the cattle tick in the South. That is one sectional bit of favoritism that seems pleasing to New York economists and consumers. The Department of Agriculture is doing a great work in all the South Atlantic states. In North Carolina there are now 14,247 dipping vats and all but 25 of the 100 counties in North Carolina have been practically ridden of the pest. Only 25 counties are yet under quarantine and some of them are right here in Eastern North Carolina.

Let us all join in the work and abandon some of the ideas by which we throw obstacles in the way of our own progress. There is nothing in it to fight about, but there are millions in it for us if we will only co-operate.

If there is anything in a face, Massachusetts had better let Jesse Pomeroy remain in the penitentiary while he is there. He was a murderer at the age of 16 years and has been in solitary confinement for 42 years until recently when he was granted more prison liberty. He is seeking a pardon from the governor, but though his punishment has been excessive and beyond the bounds of common sense, the criminologists had better carefully examine the man before he is again turned loose upon society. Evidently he was suffering from homocidal mania when he inflicted cruelty upon his victims and finally was convicted for murdering two children, but while his punishment has not been of the proper kind, pictures of him indicate a character of criminal instinct or mania that possibly may be as strong as it was when he was a boy. We don't know that it is a good idea to judge him by newspaper pictures, but they certainly put upon the celebrated convict a stamp that indicates an abnormal being.

DEATH AT WARSAW

Mrs. Sallie Ann Woodward, Duplin's Oldest Woman, Passes.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Warsaw, N. C., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Sallie Ann Woodward, aged ninety-one, who was the oldest woman in Duplin county, died at the home of her son, Mr. Dave Woodward, Monday, from the infirmities of old age. Though in feeble health for a short time before her death, she had been a remarkably active woman for one of her advanced years. The interment was Tuesday afternoon in the local cemetery. The deceased is survived by one son, Mr. Dave Woodward; step-son, Mr. James Woodward, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Sam Bowden, all of near Warsaw.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Editor Varner who has been looking after the white paper for the newspapers of the State was in Greensboro yesterday and says the situation is getting better, but it will be a long time yet before newspapers can get print paper at the right price. He says the only thing left is for all the papers to join hands and raise subscription and advertising rates. He is certain the reading public will understand that such a move is necessary. The newspaper publisher is certainly up against it, all his profits are being taken. We understand that most everything has advanced in price—but we know of no hold up like the white paper situation. —Greensboro Record.

We do not know whether there is any foundation for the newspaper report which stated that Judge W. P. Stacy would shortly retire from the bench and make the race for Congress in the Sixth district. It may be true, or it may not be true. But whether the report is correct or not, most of us agree that Judge Stacy, if sent to Congress, would make an able, fearless, and conscientious representative of the people of the Sixth Congressional district. His record, during the short period he has been on the bench, is an unusually brilliant one. He has measured up to the standard of our ablest judges. He has been fair, impartial, just. Having tried some of the most important cases in the State, he has acquitted himself without a blunder. We rather hope that the Judge will make the race for Congress. Though out of his district, yet we are interested in the personnel of our delegation in Congress. And while the State would be a great loser in case Judge Stacy should resign, yet the Nation at large would gain his valuable services.—Pender Chronicle.

The Department of Agriculture is keeping up its warfare on the cattle tick and the beef-eating and milk-drinking portion of the public should be duly gratified. The Department of Agriculture is doing a big work. The cattle-dipping season will soon be here. As soon as the first generation of ticks is hatched, which will be along in March, the dipping will begin and the young pests will be disposed of before they have had time to lay eggs. There are now 14,247 dipping vats in commission and the calculation is that a million cattle can be dipped each month. North Carolina is getting rid of the cattle tick Only twenty-five counties are under quarantine. It is hoped to clean up eight of these this year. Some if not all of the remaining seventeen will be rid of the tick next year. It is a wonderfully important work and there should be general rejoicing that it is advancing so favorably. As we said at the outset, the South should feel grateful to the branch of the government that is directed by David F. Houston. There is no beneficent activity of the department that has not been directed with quickened energy under his direction and a number of entirely new forward moves have been made by him.—Raleigh News and Observer.

WOMAN AND MAN ARRESTED IN NEW BERN ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Slander and Attempted Criminal Assault Upon 15-Year-Old Girl.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 2.—As the result of investigations which have been in progress for the past ten days, Mrs. Garnett Bain, whose home is at No. 56 Broad street, is under arrest charged with slandering the character of Miss Nina Hoffman, a pretty little fifteen-year-old girl of this city, and also with aiding and abetting W. R. Pate, a dairyman, in attempting to commit a criminal assault on the little girl with the belief that she would profit thereby Pate was also placed under arrest by. Pate was also placed under arrest bond for their appearance before Justice of the Peace S. R. Street on Saturday morning, at which time the case will be gone into.

For about ten days there have been rumors of the affair and when these came to the ears of certain influential citizens, they began an investigation and the little Hoffman girl told the whole story to them and warrants for Mrs. Bain and Pate were then sworn out and served upon them.

Both Mrs. Bain and Pate deny that they know anything in regard to the affair and will fight the case to a finish while the investigators of the incident have declared that they will leave no stone unturned to bring them to justice if the story told by the little Hoffman girl is true.

The Hoffman girl told the investigators of a trip down to Thurman with Mrs. Bain, Pate and another man and claims that at that time the alleged attempted assault was made upon her. She also told of another auto trip to Glenburnie Park near the city with two men and another woman and in this two well known citizens are implicated.

GOLDSBORO EXPECTED TO ADOPT CITY MANAGER FORM

Mayor Higgins Feels Certain People Would Now Vote for It

(Special Star Correspondence)

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 2.—It now appears to be an assured fact that Goldsboro will adopt the city manager form of government. Mayor John R. Higgins stated that he was quite confident that the proposed amendment to the city charter providing a city manager for Goldsboro would now meet with the hearty approval of the citizens of Goldsboro.

"The reason why this proposed amendment met with so much opposition at first," says Mr. Higgins, "was due to the fact that the first report submitted by the committee appointed by authority of an act of the General Assembly of 1915 giving them power to report a new or amended charter for this city to be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification, was considered too drastic and gave the proposed city manager too much power and jurisdiction over the affairs of the city in general."

Successful Hunting Trip.

Warsaw, N. C., Feb. 2.—Mr. M. K. Moore returned Wednesday night from a hunting trip at Whiteville. During the few days he was there, he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Morrison Formy-Duval, killed one hundred and twenty quail. Mr. Moore brought his share of the bag home with him, and has been quite generous in remembering his many friends, his gifts being especially acceptable because of the difficulty of securing quail here this season.

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ACTIVITIES AT BEAUFORT

Submarine and Torpedo Boat There Yesterday—Harbor to be Mined? —Excitement

(Special Star Telegram)

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 2.—The torpedo boat Bagley, being used as a mine layer, came into Morehead City's harbor early this morning unexpectedly and made hurried arrangements for filling her bunkers with enough coal for a long cruise. It was rumored, although the officers commanding the ship declined to affirm or deny the report, that Beaufort harbor was to be mined. Later in the day it was announced that the torpedo boat Warden and the submarine "E-2" were outside and the Bagley was cast off and departed.

Authoritative information tonight is to the effect that the Bagley is conveying the other two boats to some unknown point and it is said that she will return to Beaufort harbor later. The people at Morehead City and Beaufort are highly excited over the affair and fear that they are in danger of being attacked in case possible developments occur.

SUICIDE AT MOREHEAD CITY

New Yorker Ends His Life on Board His Private Yacht.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 2.—The body of Mr. John Coverty, of New York, who committed suicide on board of his yacht at Morehead City Tuesday night, passed through New Bern last night en route to New York for interment.

Mr. Coverty and his brother came to Morehead City Tuesday morning on board their handsome yacht and both of them were suffering with attacks of pneumonia and they were placed in the hospital there for treatment.

Tuesday night the suicide fled from the hospital in scant attire, went to his boat, secured a revolver and fired a bullet into his brain, death being almost instantaneous.

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When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead, your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., about one dozen kidneco tablets; take one with a glass of water before each meal for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous remedy is made from perfectly harmless ingredients and acts quickly and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

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GUARDS WILL NOT BE PUT ON GERMAN SHIPS

"Lookout" Will be Maintained Here, Col. Taylor States

Local Collector of Customs Gets Wire to Stop All Vessels Attempting to Leave Ports Without Clearance Papers—Not Interned.

Colonel Walker Taylor, collector of customs for the Wilmington district, stated last night that he had received a telegram yesterday afternoon from the Treasury Department directing that his office exercise the utmost vigilance to see that the neutrality regulations of the United States are rigidly enforced in this port and directing that no vessel be permitted to leave without clearance papers and that no armed vessel be allowed to leave without permit.

Colonel Taylor pointed out that the two German merchantmen now moored here are not armed vessels and that they have the same right under existing conditions to leave as the vessels of any other nationality. As they are not and have never been warships, they were never interned. They are peaceful merchant vessels which came into local waters voluntarily and may depart in the same way, provided only that they take out clearance papers such as are required even of every American merchantman that leaves this or any other American port.

The status of the armed German raiders which were interned at Norfolk and later transferred to Philadelphia is quite different and they will not be permitted to leave American waters until the war is over, Colonel Taylor said.

Asked whether he contemplated placing any guards on board the Nicaria or Kiel, the two German vessels in this port, Colonel Taylor stated that he had no such action in mind. He added that a lookout would be maintained, but that he had not had any conference with Captain Haake, commander of the coast guard cutter Seminole and did not think it would be necessary to do anything except keep a "lookout." His attention was called to statements in Northern newspapers that guards were being placed on German ships in those ports and said, that these newspapers evidently had reference only to such German vessels as were armed and had interned.

Questioned as to whether he thought the rumor that Germany might sink her merchant vessels in American waters, Colonel Taylor stated that he was of the opinion that such rumors are without any foundation in fact, as it is to be presumed they would prefer to take a chance of saving them on top of the water.

The rumors that refugee German ships were being sunk in many harbors, which later proved to be untrue, were started by the fact that the German steamship Liebenfels which had been a refugee in the Charleston harbor for more than two years was sunk at her anchorage there Thursday night and up until a late hour yesterday afternoon, the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the ship had not been explained. It was alleged that a number of tugboats and lighters offered the sinking vessel assistance and all proffers of aid were declined by the ship's officers.

MINISTER BLOCKED WEDDING; IS TAXED WITH THE COSTS

When Witness Fails to Appear Abduction Charge is Dismissed

Rev. E. W. Glass, who swore out a warrant for Mr. Hugh J. Harris, formerly of Norfolk, Va., but now the representative of a local lumber company, on a charge of abducting a 17-year-old girl of Brunswick county, was taxed with the costs, amounting to approximately $6, by Recorder George Harriss yesterday morning when he failed to appear to press the charge. The case against Mr. Harris was then dismissed by the Recorder.

Mr. Harris made a sweeping denial of the charge preferred against him to a Star man, and declares that he had simply run away with the girl to get married. After his plans had been blocked by his arrest by Plainclothesman D. W. Coleman to whom Mr. Harris was pointed out by the minister, the would-be bridegroom declared that there must have been "some rivalry" on the part of the man to induce him to bring such a charge.

Other cases disposed of were those of Walter King, colored, who was given a suspended judgment upon payment of the costs on the charge of reckless driving, Charlie Reed and Peter Hall, both colored, who were taxed with the cost son the charge of violating the driving ordinance.

NCOME TAX RETURNS MUST BE LISTED DURING FEBRUARY

Blanks May be Had at Office of Deputy Collector in Postoffice Building

According to an announcement made yesterday morning by Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue J. R. Kennedy local corporations and residents of this section whose incomes are within the taxable limits, must list their incomes during the present month for the year of 1916. Blank forms for this purpose may be had at Collector Kennedy's office in the postoffice building.

All persons or corporations having an income of $3,000 and over per annum are subject to the Federal income tax and must list a comprehensive state of their incomes. The penalty for failure to list and have this return in the hands of the collector within the time required by law is a fine not exceeding $10,000 and the assessment is increased 50 per cent so far as corporations are concerned.

According to Mr. Kennedy, the special tax imposed by sections 3 and 4, Act of October 22, 1914, have been removed so far as they apply to commercial brokers, dealers in leaf and manufactured tobacco, commission merchants, while the amount required of proprietors of theatres in towns of less than 5,000 has been reduced.

To Preach at Clinton.

Rev. E. M. Parker, of Wilmington, will conduct morning and evening services at the Episcopal church at Clinton tomorrow at the usual hours for church services.

BIG INCREASE IN RECEIPTS

Wilmington Postoffice Shows Gain of Nearly 20 Per Cent for January Much Mail Handled

An actual gain of 19 per cent in receipts over the same month last year is the splendid showing made by the Wilmington postoffice for the month of January, according to Postmaster H. McL. Green. Not only were the receipts heavier than ever before for the local office but there was also a big increase in the incoming mail.

The total receipts for the month were $13,059.49 as compared with $10,983.82 for the same month last year, making an increase of $2,075.67. While a considerable part of the receipts were for the transportation of parcel post packages, the same was true last year, so that the increase is based practically on the same conditions as last year.

Another thing to be borne in mind is that there has been no increases either in the price of stamps or the charges for carrying mails, so that the high cost of merchandise, which might account for increases in commercial lines, has nothing whatever to do with the increase in receipts. Because of the charges for stamps remaining the same throughout the year and from year to year, the postoffice furnishes a splendid barometer for business conditions.

The receipts of the local office have had a steady growth during the past year, the December business breaking all records. Both incoming and outgoing mails are heavier now than they have ever been before and every indication points to much better business conditions than have been in many months.

Naturally Postmaster Green is extremely gratified that the receipts continue to increase, although with the same clerical force, it has taxed the office to its capacity to look after everything in an efficient manner. However, with a thorough organization of each department, the office has been able to look after everything in a very satisfactory manner.

January always shows a fine record in receipts because many of the larger concerns buy stamp supplies for the year during this month.

MECHANICAL DRAFTSMEN WANTED

Civil Service Commission Announces Large Number of Other Examination

Mechanical draftsmen for the office of the Chief of Ordnance of the War Department at Washington are wanted by the government at entrance salaries ranging from $1,000 to $1,200 a year. The Civil Service announces an open competitive examination for these positions. The applicant must show that he has graduated from a four year's course in engineering from a college or university of recognized standing or that he is a senior student in such a course and expects to graduate within six months. Other examinations announced by the Civil Service Commission are as follows:

February 26—Export Radio aid (for aviation), for men only, $6 per diem; chief petroleum technologist, male, $4,800.

February 26—Expert Radio aid (for qualified in petrography, male, $1,200 to $1,800; architectural assistant in forest products, male, $1,500; junior chemist, qualified in fuels, male, $1,020; apprentice draftsmen male, $480; assistant in assay laboratory, male $1,200; hull draftsmen, male, $1,500; laboratory, qualified in electrical science, male, $4,24 per diem; Library assistant, $3.04 per diem.

March 6—Metallurgist, male, $2,400 to $3,300; designing mechanical engineer, male $2,100; fiber inspector, male, $1,600 to $2,000; investigator in fruit transportation and storage, male, $2,000 to $2,520; assistant oil inspector, $1,400.

WANT BETTER VAUDEVILLE

Mr. Percy W. Wells Returns From Conference In Greensboro

Theatre managers of North Carolina and Virginia will co-operate in securing better vaudeville for their patrons, it was decided at a conference held in Greensboro this week, which was attended by Mr. Percy W. Wells, of Wilmington, president of the association. Mr. Wells has recently returned from a trip in the North and recommended to the managers a solution of the problem of getting better showing.

He has carefully studied the field and believes that the adoption of his plan and the hearty co-operation of the various managers will enable the Southern cities to secure vaudeville of a decidedly higher class than they could if they tried to handle the matter individually.

The following theatre managers were present at the meeting in Greensboro: Percy W. Wells, president, of Wilmington; O. A. Savin, secretary and treasurer, of Winston-Salem; H. R. Mason, of Goldsboro; H. F. Stallings, of Kinston; E. F. Crall, of Petersburg, Newport News, Va., and Durham; I. L. Cohen, of Bluefield, W. Va.; G. L. Daniels, of Greensboro; Barney Arrington, of Raleigh; Frank Sohmers, of Danville; L. G. Schofield, of Charlotte; J. B. Trent, of Lynchburg.

JUDGE BOND NAMES RECEIVER

W. P. Mangum Turner, Esq., is Appointed Receiver of Cape Fear Oil Company, of This City.

W. P. Mangum Turner, Esq., has been named temporary receiver of the Cape Oil Company, of Wilmington, as a result of petition made to Judge W M. Bond, who is holding court at Whiteville, by stockholders of the corporation. The action is a friendly one in order to close up the affairs of the company in an equitable and fair manner to the creditors, it was stated last night.

Although Judge Bond signed the order at Whiteville yesterday, it had not reached here last night although it was understood that today Mr. Turner would take charge of the affairs of the company. The liabilities are understood to be about $51,000 and assets incuding book accounts about $40,000. The order signed yesterday by Judge Bond is returnable on February 12th.

The Cape Fear Oil Company is a local corporation and was organized about eight years ago. Mr. J. W. Brooks is president; Mr. W. R. Barksdale, vice president and general manager, and Mr. J. W. Yates, secretary and treasurer.

FINANCE CAMPAIGN OF THE Y. W. C. A. ENDS

Nearly $3,000 in Subscriptions Secured in Four Days

Splendid Work Done by Women, Who Made Thorough Canvass of City. Other Contributions Are Expected Later.

After four days of strenuous work by the members of the Wilmington Y. W. C. A., the annual finance campaign closed last night with nearly $3,000 secured in subscriptions, and cash contributions or practically enough to guarantee the support of the institution during another year. The money for making a payment of $2,000 on the association building was not secured but it is hoped to arrange for this deficit in another way.

The workers secured a total of 490 subscriptions amounting to $2,835.35, of which $521.25 was contributed on the closing day of the campaign. There are a large number of cards which have not yet been returned, owing to the absence of some of the subscribers from the city and the desire of others to consider the matter thoroughly before contributing. The workers will follow these up and it is believed that the total will bring the amount up to $3,000, which is the amount needed to make up the budget of $7,000. The association's receipts from other sources including membership fees are $4,000.

The team headed by Mrs. W. H. Pemberton secured the largest number of subscriptions and also the largest amount yesterday. This team which had four workers reported a total of 53 subscriptions amounting to $248.25.

Miss Leona McGeorge, city executive secretary for the South Atlantic field, who had general charge of the campaign, left yesterday afternoon for Greensboro, where she will direct a finance campagin to secure funds for a new Y. W. C. A. building in that city. Her counsel proved of great benefit to the workers.

While falling short of their original goal of $5,000, those in charge of the campaign were enthusiastic over the results, realizing that their efforts had at least assured another year of successful work on an increased scale. Efforts for broadening its usefulness will be continued with every prospect of making the institution of still more vital importance in the community life of the city.

Following are the reports of the different teams for the closing day of the campaign:

Team	Workers	Calls	Subs.	Amt.
No. 1	6	16	15	$61.00
No. 2	5	32	18	104.50
No. 3	6	15	7	22.50
No. 4	2	8	2	3.50
No. 5	4	60	53	248.25
No. 6	2	8	6	52.00
No. 8	5	9	9	29.50
	30	148	110	$521.25

COMMENDS ITS ACTIVITIES

Commercial Bulletin Comes in For Praise From Raleigh Paper.

The Commercial Bulletin, which is published monthly by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, has met with a cordial reception. The Raleigh News and Observer in a recent issue says:

"The Comercial Bulletin, published by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, calls attention among other things to the ship-building facilities of the city of Wilmington. Wilmington has a corporation which is winning a reputation in its line and adding to the laurels of the New Hanover capital as a manufacturing and industrial center. This concern now has under construction two 4-masted schooners. The vessels are being constructed throughout of long leaf pine, all of which comes from within a radius of 200 miles of Wilmington. It is gratifying to all parts of the State to see Wilmington going forward as a marine city. It is North Carolina's chief port and the whole State is interested, with from patriotic and economic considerations, in seeing it develop. We congratulate the men who are giving time and thought to the city's advancement, on the prosperous condition of the ship-building inuustry. In the same connection we would say that the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington strikes us as being one of the livest in the South. Its "Commercial Bulletin," which has served to remind the News and Observer and other newspapers of Wilmington's growing ship-building industry, is an especially attractive and informing publication."

WORHING IN THE INTEREST OF THE LIVE STOCK SHOW

Mr. Thos. W. Hughes Arrives to Start Publicity Work for Exhibition

Mr. Thos. W. Hughes, special agent of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization, which in conjunction with the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is promoting the Live Stock Exhibition and Conference to be held in this city, March 28th and 29th, arrived in the city yesterday to inaugurate a campaign of publicity for the undertaking and to make the preliminary arrangements for the big show, which is State-wide in its scope.

Mr. Hughes will have his headquarters in the rooms of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and will direct a campaign of publicity and advertising. Mr. Hughes will go to Gastonia next week to attend the meeting of the commercial secretaries of the State and to bring to their attention the importance of the exhibition to be held here. Mr. Hughes will prepare the program for the show.

CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS.

Uncle Sam Needs Clerks, Stenographers and Typewriters.

Uncle Sam is in need of clerks, stenographers and typewriters and announces examinations to be held soon to secure a list of eligibles. The examination for stenographer and typewriter will be held in Wilmington and other leading cities in North and South Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia on February 24. There are a number of positions for male applicants in this district and qualified persons are urged to enter this examination.

On March 3 examinations will be held at the same places for first clerical positions. Competitors will be examined in the following: Spelling, arithmetic, penmanship, report writing, copying and correcting manuscript, geography and civil goverament.

WORK OF TRAVELERS' AID

Large Number of Helpless People Were Assisted During The Past Month at The Union Station

No fewer than 200 men, women and children were assisted by the two faithful Travelers' Aid workers at the Union station during the past month, according to the report of Mrs. E. M. Gregg, chairman of the Social Service Department of North Carolina Sorosis, which has the work in charge. Mrs. Gregg, in her report gives many instances of how persons in very needy circumstances were helped. Her report follows:

"The work of the two Travelers Aids at the Wilmington Union station was most interesting as well as helpful last month. In all there were 200 men, women, girls and children assisted in various ways. Sixteen of this number were small children, several of them sent in care of the Travelers' Aid while others were trying to make their journey alone as best they could. These were carefully looked after and advised. One young girl arriving at midnight and expecting to take the 5:30 train would have been alone in the station all night but for the presence of the night worker, who remained at the station and saw the girl placed safely on the early train.

"A woman traveling with two small children found herself out of money and her destination not yet reached. Through the efforts of the Travelers' Aid sufficient money was collected to enable her to complete her journey. A very sick man traveling alone was kindly cared for. A boy who had his leg broken, also a man who had a fractured leg, were cared for until ambulance arrived.

"There was a boy from South Carolina trying to get home without money He had been hired by a man in Brunswick county and after working out what was owed him was discharged and left without a cent. The Travelers' Aid through the kindness of different people got sufficient money to pay railroad fare and for something to eat.

"Another sad case was that of a poor man from Georgia, who arrived on the midnight train with his two motherless girls, one a mere baby, aged two years, and the other not quite four years old. He was taking them to his sister to take care of for him when he received a telegram stating that his sister had suddenly been stricken with paralysis. He had spent all his money for railroad fare and had only 25 cents with which he was trying to secure a place to spend the night. The Travelers' Aid looked after the children and a kind hearted policeman gave the man another quarter which secured for him a place to sleep and gave them all breakfast and a lunch.

"Through one of our ministers, the Mayor and the Associated Charities sufficient money was secured to buy the man a ticket back to Georgia, where he has been working in a saw mill and doing the washing and cooking for himself and children since the death of his wife several months ago.

"The foregoing are some of the many pitiful cases which came under the notice and care of the two faithful Travelers' Aids at the Union station."

SKETCH OF COLONEL METTS

El Paso Herald Carries Tribute to Wilmington Officer's Life

Friends in Wilmington will be interested in the sketch of the military career of Col. Van B. Metts, of this city, who was recently promoted to the command of the Second North Carolina Regiment, N. C .N. G. ,now stationed at Camp Stewart, near El Paso, Texas. The article, which appears in the El Paso Herald of January 27, reads as follows:

"Col. J. Van B. Metts ,Second North Carolina Infantry, is one of the best known officers, of the North Carolina National Guard ,and one of the leaders in securing legislation for the advancement and welfare of the Guard. He represented the State at the National Guard Association at Boston and at the first inauguration of President Wilson. He was in charge of the military program and was chief marshal of the parade on the occasion of President Taft's visit to Wilmington, N. C.

"He became a member of the old State Guard in 1893 ,as a private in the Wilmington Light Infantry, of Wilmington; became second lieutenant in 1901 and captain and adjutant of the Second North Carolina Infantry a short time later. He became lieutenant-colonel February 14, 1907, and Colonel January 15, 1917. He was first sergeant of the Wilmington company in November, 1898, which had 10 days service during the negro riots, which took place at Wilmington, this being at election time.

"Colonel Metts was born in Wilmington December, 1876, and has always lived there. He has been in the fire insurance business for 20 years. His father ,James I. Metts, a Confederate veteran, entered in '61 as a private and was promoted to captain during the war. He is commander of the North Carolina Confederate Veterans. He was wounded at Gettysburg, getting a ball through the right lung and through the body. He is now 74 years old and active in business."

WILL HAVE CONVENTION OF ROTARY CLUBS OF DISTRICT

Delegates From Carolinas and Virginia to Attend Charlotte Meeting

Governor Thomas B. McAdams, of the fourth district of Rotary Clubs, has announced that Charlotte will be the meeting place for the annual session of the district, either March 24 or April 7. The convention is expected to bring more than 100 Rotarians to the Queen City from North and South Carolina and Virginia.

The Wilmington Rotary Club will be represented by a large delegation, who will undertake to show Charlotte just what Wilmington has and is doing. inasmuch as the district meeting will be one of the most important ever held in Charlotte, the Rotary Club of that city, which was only recently organized, has appointed committee chairmen to arrange details. Mr. W. B. Sullivan, publisher of the Charlotte Observer, has been appointed general chairman of the committee on arrangements.

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February 3rd is observed throughout the United States as a day on which everyone should deposit something to their credit in the Bank.

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To Attend Big Convention.

The D. L. Gore Company, wholesale grocers, of Wilmington, will be represented at the annual "SerV-Us" Pure Food convention in Buffalo, N. Y., February 8th, 9th and 10th, by their sales manager, Mr. R. H. Melvin, by three salesmen as follows: Messrs. L. C. Hubbard, R. H. Hubbard and J. T. Gresham. The representatives of this concern left last night and will stop over en route in Baltimore and New York.

—The cutter Seminole now in port here, will probably resume her cruising Saturday morning.

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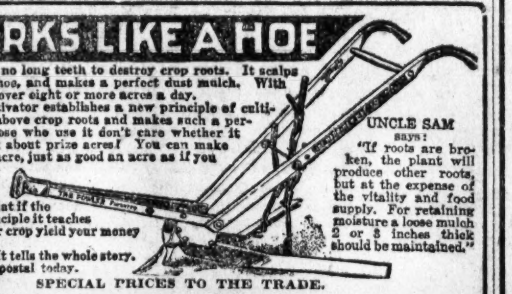

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Ladies' Bleached Cotton Vest and Pants, at ..... **48¢**
Children's fine ribbed Union Suits; all sizes, at ..... **48¢**
Ladies' High Grade Union Suits of wool or silk and wool ..... **$1.95** and up
Ladies wool or silk and wool Vest and Pants ..... **98¢** to **$1.50**
Men's fine ribbed Shirts and Drawers; all sizes; former 50c values, now.... **38¢**
Men's 75c Lambsdown Fleeced Shirts and Drawers, at ..... **49&**
Men's fine ribbed Hanes Union Suits at **98¢**
Men's $2.50 Wright's Spring Needle Union Suits at **$1.79**
Wright's Spring Needle Shirts and Drawers at ..... **98¢**
Wright's Spring Needle Wool Shirts and Drawers, at **$1.50**
Boys' 25c Fleeced Lined Shirts and Drawers at ..... **19¢**

Belk-Williams Company

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Fannie Watters, of this city, is visiting relatives in Asheville.

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Mrs. George F. Motter ,of York, Pa., is visiting Mrs. H. F. Otten at her home, No. 306 North Fifth avenue.

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Mrs. Haywood Clark, of this city, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Smith, of Raleigh .

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Miss Elizabeth Burkhardt, of Leesburg, Va., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. B. R. Dunn, No. 104 North Seventh street.

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Mr. and Mrs. H .L. Stewart, of Clinton, have returned to their home after visiting friends here for several days past.

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The physical education committee of the Y. W. C. A. will meet this morning at 11 o'clock at the association building.

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Mrs. Thos. J. Woolridge and daughter, Miss Mary Wood Woolridge, are the guests of Mrs. Wm. A. Wright, of this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cain, of Charleston, S. C., have returned home after spending some time here visiting friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith have returned from Charlotte, where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jra C. Tripplet.

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Miss Margaret Anderson, of Fayetteville, has returned to her home after spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson.

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Mrs. D. B. Jordan and daughter, Hettie Jane, left yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, Ga., where they will visit Mrs. Jordan's sister, Mrs. J. F. Hodge.

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Mrs. Charles Baker and daughter, Theo, of Marion, S. C., who have been visiting friends her for the past few days left yesterday for Baltimore, where they will visit relatives.

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Southport News: "Miss Weisner Newton, after spending some time with friends in Wilmington, returned home Sunday.——Miss Christine Johnson is visiting relatives in Wilmington this week."

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Thursday's Charleston Evening Post: "The many friends of Miss Alice E. Carroll, of Wilmington, will be interested to know of the recent announcement of her engagement to Mr. Andrew B. Hilton, of Philadelphia."

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Alumnae of Salem College will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. F. W. Foster, president of the Wilmington branch of the Salem Alumnae association. Today is being observed throughout the State as Salem day by former students of the institution, of which there are a large number in Wilmington.

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Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Hart and children, of Suffolk ,Va., have arrived in the city and are the guests of Dr. Hart's mother, Mrs. W. C. Galloway, No. 109 North Third street. They will be there until their home at 17th and Princess streets is ready for occupancy. Dr. Hart, as announced several days ago, has located in Wilmington for the practice of medicine .

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Miss Ollie Melton and Mr. George W. Barr were married Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Bray, No. 409 Smith street. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends and relatives by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Barr will make their home on South Front street. Both are young people and have many friends.

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The Blue Ridge Club of the Y. W. C. A. had a most interesting meetig of the association building last night. The class which is studying the book, "Overtaking the Centuries," was taught by Miss Sue Hall. This book deals with women and their condition in the various countries of the world. The subject for study last night was the religion of women in different parts of the world.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Browning Dewey have returned from their wedding trip and are at home in Wilmington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dewey are well known in Raleigh, Mrs. Dewey having been a frequent visiter in the city at the home of Miss Laura Ball. Mrs. Dewey before her marriage was Miss esther Hashagan, of Wilmington. Mr. Dewey was a former A. and M. student and quite a popular addition to Raleigh society. Mr. Dewey's home is in Goldsboro, but he has been living in Wilmington for the past several years."

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Visiting in the city are Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hunter, of Wilmington. Mr. Hunter, who formerly resided in this city, and was the commercial agent for the Seaboard Air Line is now division freight agent of the same road with headquarters in Wilmington. He has been away from Raleigh for about four years and on his visit brings his wife with him ,having been married about six months ago. Mr. Hunter says it is fine to be again in Raleigh if only for a short time , and Mrs. Hunter is delighted with the city. They are being given a warm welcome by friends."

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ENTERTAINED IN CELEBRATION OF DAUGHTER'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott entertained a party of 24 guests at their home, No. 101 North Fifth avenue, in celebration of the seventeenth birthday anniversary of their daughter, Miss Florence Greene Scott.

The young people played games, danced and were also entertained with a very pleasing duet by Misses Jessie Mercer and Lila Ward Koonce. Miss Katherine McLean, of Mount Olive, was an out-of-town guest. Delicious refreshments were served.

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SEAGATE MOTHERS' CLUB HAS AN INTERESTING MEETING

The Mothers' club met at the Seagate school building Thursday afternoon. Mrs. H. O. Thomas, the president, presided at the meeting while Miss Bettie Downing acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Summerlin.

After a discussion of the needs of the school ,an interesting and enjoyable reading was given by Miss Annie W. Herring and an inspiring and helpful paper was read by Mrs. Addison Hewlett on the work of the Mothers' club. Little Miss Bettie Hewlett recited "The Little Elf Child" and Miss Gladys Bernard sang a solo, "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

After a prayer by Mrs. Hewlett ,the meeting adjourned to meet again on Februray 22.

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INTERMEDIATE SOCIETY HAD ENJOYABLE SOCIAL MEETING

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church had a most enjoyable social and business meeting in the parlors of the church last evening. One of the entertaining and instructive features was a debate on the question, "Resolved,—That the 'Lookout' committee is of as much importance as the 'prayer meeting' committee. The affirmative was represented by Neveland Brand, Stuart Cover and Miss Kate Cumming while Graham Farmer, Frederick Renneker and Miss Marie Bonitz upheld the negative. The judges were Miss Smith, Miss Ditmore and Miss Elizabets McClure. While both sides made strong arguments the judges decided that the affirmative had "the best of it."

After the business meeting and the debate a pleasant hour was spent in playing games. There was a large attendance.

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SOCIAL EVENTS IN HONOR OF MRS. AUBREY PARSLEY

Yesterday's Fayetteville Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. George McNeill entertained last evening at one of the largest and most beautiful bridge parties ever given in Fayetteville. This lovely affair was given in honor of Mrs. Aubrey Parsley, of Wilmington, who is the guest of Mrs. Henry M. Parsley. Bridge was played at ten tables arranged throughout the lower floop of the McNeill home. In the game of auction, Mrs. H. M. Pemberton was victor, receiving pink carnations. Lovely Killarney roses were presented to Mrs. Parsley. After the game, a supper was served, the menu, including chicken salad, scalloped oysters, beaten biscuit and coffee. Mrs. G. E. Wearn, accompanied by Mrs. Warren Lott, rendered several lovely vocal selections. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Aubrey Parsley, the honoree; Mrs. Warren Lott and Mrs. Frank Klugh. Miss Kate Broadfoot was hostess yesterday at bridge in honor of Mrs. Aubrey Parsley, of Wilmington. High score prize was won by Mrs. J. M. de Vane. Mrs. Parsley was presented correspondence cards. A delicious lunch was served."

LOCAL DOTS

—Chadbourn Herald: "The morning train to Wilmington is receiving more patronage now than it has previous to this. The people are just beginning to learn more about its advantages."

—The river steamer A. P. Hurt is now undergoing repairs on the Wilmington Marine Railway on Eagle's Island. It will resume its regular trips to Fayetteville within the next few days.

—Messrs. H. E. Bonitz, D. A. Bennett and E. R. Sutin and several other Wilmingtonians interested in concrete construction work are planning to attend the tenth annual cement show at Chicago, February 7 to 15.

—Members of the fire department were called out yesterday afternoon to extinguish a small blaze in a colored tenement house on Eighth, between Brunswick and Bladen streets. It was easily put out and was caused by sparks from the chimney.

—Mrs. George Sanders, of No. 1416 South Fourth street, thinking someone was trying to enter her home about 2 o'clock yesterday morning, telephoned the police station. Officers Moore, Bullard and Lewis were detailed to make an investigation but when they reached the scene, no "burglar" was in sight.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. L. Kerr, of Clinton, N. C., spent last night in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. A. J. Mitchell left last night for Raleigh, N. C., where he will spend the week-end.

DEATH OF MISS GLASGOW

Popular Young Woman Passed Away Yesterday at Home of Sister.

The announcement of the death of Miss Lillie Ray Glasgow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Glasgow, of Louisburg, which occurred yesterday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. L. Fonvielle, No. 219 Walnut street, will be learned with much sorrow by many friends here and elsewhere. She had been in failing health for several months and her death was not unexpected. She was 34 years old and made her home in this city for some time.

Surviving besides her parents and her sister, Mrs. Fonvielle, is one brother, Mr. Forest Glasgow, who lives near Louisburg. The remains will be taken on the early train today to Louisburg, where the funeral and interment will take place.

Mr. Cox Dies In Clinton.

Mr. Murray Cox, of this city, who was called to Clinton yesterday morning on account of the serious illness of his father, sent a message to friends in this city announcing that his father had passed away.

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CURED MEAT JUMPS UP A CENT

Local Restaurant Proprietors and Farmers Want Explanation of 100 Per cent. Profit on Fresh Pork

The wholesale price on cured meats, including ham and bacon, was jumped one cent a pound on the Wilmington market yesterday, according to local restaurant proprietors.

Quotations on ham yesterday were from 23 to 24 1-2 cents a pound, while bacon was quoted at from 27 to 28 cents a pound, according to the restaurant men.

The proprietor of one of the leading restaurants stated to a Star man that despite the fact that farmers who bring dressed pork into this city from Brunswick and other counties can only get from 10 to 11 cents a pound for their dressed porkers, local dealers turn right around and sell fresh pork for 25 cents a pound. They may be some who sell it for less, but 25 cents appears to be the prevailing price.

Just why it should be retailed at a net profit of approximately 100 per cent. to the dealer is something that both producers and consumers would like to have explained. "Supposing there is some parts of the carcass that does not bring 25 cents a pound to the dealer," a consumer pointed out, "even making an allowance for waste portions, if they buy the dressed carcass for from 9 to 11 cents a pound and sell it for 25 cents that is a profit of about 150 per cent, if no allowance be made for wastage."

MR. I. M. BOUNDS DEAD

Father of Wilmington Man Passes At Home at Bennettsville

Many friends of Mr. Vance Bounds of Wilmington, will sympathize tenderly with him in the death of his father, Mr. I. M. Bounds, which occurred Tuesday afternoon at a hospital in Florence, S. C., Mr. Bounds, whose home was at Bennettsville, had not been well since last summer but had been able to attend to his business. He visited his son in Wilmington last summer and made many friends while here.

Last Monday morning Mr. Bounds with his wife and her four sisters, Mrs. Joe McDaniel, Mrs. S. F. Powers, Mrs. W. L. Webster and Mrs. J. C. Harden to Florence, where they went to attend the golden wedding of her brother, Chester Bristow. Shortly after arriving at the home of Mr. Bristow, about 11 o'clock, Mr. Bounds became suddenly and seriously ill and after medical attention was given he was taken to the hospital where he died Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

His body was carried to Bennettsville on the evening train. A large crowd of friends met the train, and he was taken home by the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Bounds was a good citizen, a man of the highest integrity and character and had the confidence of every one. He served several terms as alderman of Bennettsville and was a faithful officer. He was chairman of Democratic club No. 1 of Bennettsville, and was always interested in any public matters looking for the improvement of the community. He was a devoted husband, father and a loyal member of the Baptist church. He was a prominent Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias and Woodman of the World.

Mr. Bounds is survived by his wife and eight children: Mesdames Chester Hamer, Mrs. Clara Billups of Summerton, S. C., Mrs. Ida Wilson of Bennettsville, S. C., Mrs. Daisy Watts of Summerton, S. C., and Mrs. Effie Weaver of Darlington, S. C., Howard Bounds of Raleigh, N. C., Hope Bounds Bennettsville, S. C., and Vance Bounds of Wilmington, also by his two brothers, Messrs. Silas and Preston Bounds and one sister.

Mr. Bounds celebrated his 63rd birthday on January 18.

The funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Evergreen cemetery conducted by the Rev. Rufus Ford, a former pastor, and the remains laid to rest with Masonic honors.

DEATH OF MISS GAUSE

Highly Respected Christian Woman Passed Away at Home Yesterday

Many friends will be grieved to learn of the death of Miss Anna Carolina Gause, daughter of the late Samuel P. and Caroline Gause, which occurred yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at her home, No. 315 South Second street, following an illness of several months. She was heartly beloved by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was 63 years old.

The deceased was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Quiet and unassuming in manner, always bright and cheerful in disposition, devoted to the best things in life, she lived a life of great usefulness and will be sadly missed. She was greatly devoted to relatives and friends and found her greatest joy in serving others.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Alice M. Young and Mrs. Johnnie G. Cumming and two nieces, Mrs. R. H. Nelson, of Williamson ,West Va., and Miss Anne Cumming, of this city, all of whom will have the tenderest sympathy of a host of friends.

The funeral will be held from the residence today at noon and will be conducted by Rev. E. DeF. Heald. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. The pallbearers will be as follows: Iredell Meares, Esq., Mr. Jos. N. Jacobi, Brooke G. Empie, Esq., Mr. Jos . C. Shepard, Messrs. W. B. Thorpe and Theodore Empie.

To Sell Stock at Auction.

The stock of drugs of the firm of Woodall & Sheppard, which was closed several months ago on account of receivership proceedings, will be sold at auction beginning next Wednesday. Mr. F. W. Peiffer, a well known auctioner, will sell the entire stock to the highest bidder. The articles will not be sold in bulk but separately and the sale will continue from day to day until everything is disposed of.

Creamery Gets Charter

Raleigh, N. C., Feb 2.—The Piedmont Creamery Co., of Charlotte, was chartered today with $100,000 capital authorized and $10,000 subscribed by G. P. Wadsworth, R. J. Walker, F. D. Spencer and others for a general creamery business.

Wilson Cancels Engagement

Washington, Feb. 2.—President Wilson tonight cancelled his engagement to speak before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States,

COLD WAVE AND WIND HERE

Weather Man "Makes Good" on Forecast—Streets Were Practically Deserted Early Last Night.

The weather man certainly "made good" on his cold wave prediction as will be cheerfully admitted by any Wilmingtonian who ventured forth yesterday afternoon or last night. From the rapid decline that the mercury was taking at a late hour last night,the indications were that it will register perhaps as low as 15 above zero here this morning. Reports from Asheville last night were to the effect that the zero mark had been reached.

The lower temperatures were accompanied last night by a biting wind that felt as if it were coming off a snow bank. The streets in the down-town section were practically deserted by 10 o'clock.

A little snow fell both in the morning and afternoon. According to Mr. Geo. W. Felger, local observer for the United States Weather Bureau, a minimum of 34 degrees was registered at 8 o'clock last night for the 24 hours ending at that time. The maximum recorded was 34 degrees at 8 A. M., while the mean temperature for the day was 30 degrees.

The forecast for today sent out from Washington for this section is "fair and cold," while that for Sunday in North Carolina will be "fair with rising temperatures," according to the same forecast.

TO HAVE SUFFRAGE MEETING AT COURT HOUSE TONIGHT

Mrs. John S. Cunningham, of Durham, Will Make Address—All Invited.

Mrs. John S. Cunningham, of Durham, president of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association, will make the principal address at the county court house tonight at 8 o'clock at a meeting to be held in the interest of woman suffrage. She will be introduced by Mr. James H. Cowan, editor of the Wilmington Dispatch. The public, both men and women, is cordially invited to attend the speaking.

The meeting tonight will be held under the auspices of the New Hanover Equal Suffrage Association, which now has a large membership. In addition to those enrolled several months ago when a rally was held at the court house, more than a hundred men and women have enlisted in the cause since.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WRIGHT

Services Conducted From Sixth Street Church Yesterday Afternoon

Attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, the funeral of Mrs. D. J. Wright, whose death occurred Thursday morning at the James Walker Memorial hospital, was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Sixth Street Advent Christian church by the pastor, Rev. J. P. King. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

The following acted as pallbearers: Honorary, Drs. C. P. Bolles, and Harlee Bellamy; active Messrs. Kelly Smith, W. Pridgen, J. D. James, Jr., Lawson Skipper, Wash King and S. J. King.

DIED.

GAUSE—At her late residence, 315 South Second street, this city, Friday, February 2nd, 1917, ANNA CAROLINA GAUSE.

Funeral from residence this (Saturday) at 12 o'clock noon. Friends of the family are invited. Interment private. (Advertisement.)

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having this day qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. N. Royall, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present the same to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 3rd day of February, 1918, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make prompt payment.

N. N. ROYALL,
Administrator.

Address, Rocky Mount, N. C.
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Masonic Temple, February 3rd. 1917.
WILMINGTON LODGE, NO. 319, A. F. & A. M.

Emergent communication this (Saturday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock P. M. for work in the entered apprentice degree. A full and prompt attendance desired. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

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To Whom It May Concern:

There is due and payable to the Young Men's Christian Association of Wilmington on pledges to the Building Fund the sum of $13,169.94 as of January 1st 1917. The money is badly needed by the Association to meet its obligations, which were contracted for in good faith based on the pledges to the Building Fund. The pledges were made and received by the Association in good faith, and those owing on such pledges are expected to keep their part of the contract. You will be advised of the amount in a few days, and settlement will be expected promptly. Payments may be made at the Home Savings Bank or at the Office of the Association.

H. LACY HUNT, President;
J. F. ROACHE, Chairman;
Finance Committee.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

ANOTHER SLUMP IN COTTON

General List Closes Unsettled at Net Loss of 75 to 106 Points—Spot Quoted at 14.30.

New York, Feb. 2.—While the cotton market was much less active today and at times seemed to be recovering from yesterday's demoralization, the tone was extremely nervous and there was a big break in the late trading. After selling at 15.26 at the opening, May broke to 14.60, rallied to 15.03 and then broke to 14.05 or more than $5 per bale under last night's final figures. That delivery closed at 14.09 with the general list closing unsettled at a net loss of 75 to 106 points.

The opening was steady at a net advance of 15 points on March, but generally unchanged to 6 points lower. The market quickly weakened and in ten minutes active months broke 35 to 54 points from last night's close. Inside of another ten minutes there had been a rally of 25 to 30 points on buying by houses with Liverpool connections and covering. This bulge met further liquidation but the volume of business tapered off materially and the market became comparatively quiet during the middle of the day. The market gained several points during the early afternoon but a rumor that loans were being called in the South led to a renewal of liquidation, the break extending to 13.93 for March and 14.05 for July. This carried the market back to within 15 points of yesterday's low level on July and the new crop made new low ground for the movement with October selling at 13.75. The close was a shade up from the lowest on covering.

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	15.06	15.17	13.93	13.94
May	15.07	15.26	14.05	14.08
July	15.07	15.10	14.05	14.10
October	14.52	14.60	13.75	13.78
December	14.65	14.65	13.98	13.90

Spot quiet; middling uplands 14.30; no sales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.19; receipts 1,569; sales 1,145; stock 447,840.

Galveston—Middling 14.50; receipts 9,241; sales 200; stock 307,724.

Mobile—Receipts 141; stock 11,005.

Savannah—Middling 18.50; receipts 895; stock 178,825.

Charleston—Receipts 142; stock 59,531.

Wilmington—Receipts 133; stock 51,540.

Norfolk—Middling 17.38; receipts 945; stock 98,104.

Baltimore—Stock 9,780.

Boston—Middling 14.75; receipts 203; stock 12,106.

Philadelphia—Middling 14.55; receipts 13; stock 3,838.

New York—Middling 14.30; exports 1,400; stock 151,916.

Minor Ports—Receipts 49; stock 61,532.

Total today—Receipts 13,331; exports 1,400; stock 1,393,741.

Total for week—Receipts 110,461; exports 84,453.

Total for season—Receipts 5,557,248; exports 3,748,123.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 14.50; receipts 4,062; shipments 7,550; sales 235; stock 180,326.

Memphis—Receipts 2,971; shipments 3,096; sales 175; stock 344,716.

Augusta—Receipts 76; shipments 2,148; stock 127,236.

St. Louis—Receipts 2,773; shipments 2,453; stock 31,151.

Cincinnati—Receipts 25; shipments 90; stock 24,002.

Little Rokc—Middling 17.00; receipts 361; shipments 699; stock 38,118.

Dallas—Middling 14.00; sales 180.

Montgomery—Middling 17.50.

Atlanta (weekly)—Stock 77,695.

Total today—Receipts 10,218; shipments 16,036; stock 745,549.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW.

New York, Feb. 2.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"Trade circles have been disturbed by the grave character of the new German note and speculative markets depressed by waves of liquidation, shipping rates and insurance risks sharply advanced and hesitancy in buying of bulk commodities engendered pending developments. But most of the week's business had been transacted before publication of the note and all accounts agree in chronicling remarkable activity, with wants rather than high prices propelling buying, while scarcity of goods, insufficient productive capacity, lack of labor and shortage of railway cars loom as large as ever. Distribution by retail dealers has been animated by cold weather over the belt and consequently winter goods expanded. Incidentally, visiting buyers throng the leading markets and thus increasing house trade in spring fabrics, while road salesmen up to the issuance of the German note had been sending in large orders. Industrials manifested activity but the shortage of railway facilities, made worse by cold weather, restricts receipts as well as outbound shipments.

"Bank clearings $5,149,903,000, a loss of 4.2 per cent from last week."

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 2.—Spot cotton quiet, prices lower; good middling 10.43; middling 10.33; low middling 10.15. Sales 7,000 bales, including 1,000 for speculation and export; receipts 7,000 bales, including 6,700 American.

Futures closed quiet. February 9.67; February and March 9.65; March and April 9.65; April and May 9.60; May and June 9.60; June and July 9.55; July and August 9.51; August and September 9.35; September and October 9.12; October and November 9.00; November and December 8.93; December and January 8.90; January and February 8.87.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Feb. 2.—Cotton goods were quiet with an easier tendency today. Yarns were lower. Wool markets were firm. Raw silk was slightly easier; trading was restricted in most dye goods lines, awaiting a settlement of international affairs.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 2.—Turpentine dull, 55c; receipts 63; shipments 513; stock 13,158.

Rosin—Firm; sales 303; receipts 303; shipments 303; stock 77,744. Quote: A B C D E F G, 6.20; H I K, 6.20; M, 6.35; N, 6.40; WG, 6.65; WW, 6.90.

WEEKLY COTTON SUMMARY

Futures Market Experienced Break of Such Extent Never Before Recorded in History

New York, Feb. 2.—Never before in the history of futures trading has there been such a break as that which followed the German blockade announcement in the cotton market here this week. The news of Germany's new submarine policy came as an absolute surprise to local traders who had previously been inclined to take an optimistic view of peace prospects.

At the close on Wednesday night May was selling at 17.66, representing an advance of over a cent a pound from the low level of the previous week. The publication of the German note on Thursday morning consequently found the market in a somewhat weaker technical position and May sold at 12.50 on the opening call, a decline of 516 points from the closing figures of the previous night and the lowest price touched so far this season. This decline of over 9 cents a pound from the high level of last November was followed by a quick rally of 47 points on the May delivery but the market met demoralizing liquidation and has since been sensationally nervous and unsettled.

Every rally has met increased offerings and selling was stimulated late today by unsettling rumors as to marine developments and apprehensions that loans might be called in the South which would result in increased spot offerings. May contracts closed tonight at 14.09, compared with 17.31 the close of the previous Friday. Liverpool has been a big buyer in the American market on the decline and there have been reports of spinners calling, but otherwise support has been attributed chiefly to covering by shorts, while liquidation has come from all directions.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,288 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 2.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.75-12c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 54c; rosin, $5.05, $5.90; tar, $2.00-8½c; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	(—)
Tar	114
Crude Turpentine	(—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 2 casks; rosin, 11 barrels; tar, 65 barrels; crude turpentine, 2 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal; same day last year, 11½c.

Receipts—133 bales; same day last year, 37 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 76,286 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 145,747 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

February 27, 1917.

Alantic Coast Line—133 bales cotton; 48 barrels tar.

Schr. Joseph D.—4 barrels tar.

Schr. Shamrock—62 barrels tar.

Total—133 bales cotton; 114 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 2.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 65c. to 70c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 20c. to 35c.; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 25c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 2.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 2.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market steady, $1.42½ per bu.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4¼ to 4½c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾ to 4c per lb.; Prime, 3¾c per lb.; Shelling Stock, 3¼ to 3¾c per lb.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Feb. 2.—The better showing in lard and buying by refiners lifted cotton oil values 15 to 20 points early but the market subsequently reacted under liquidation induced by the break in cotton and discouraging shipping conditions. Final prices were 2 to 5 points net higher. Crude was heavy. Sales 22,000 barrels.

Close easier. Spot 12.30 bid; February 12.30 to 12.55; March 12.30 to 12.34; April 11.99 to 12.02; May 12.00 to 12.01; June 11.99 to 12.02; July 11.98 to 12.01; August 11.96 to 11.99; September 11.90 to 11.92.

RAILS YIELD TO PRESSURE

Stock Market Operations on Moderate Scale Except For the First and Final Hours

New York, Feb. 2.—For a brief period today's market gave promise of retrieving much of the ground lost yesterday, stocks displaying comparative strength after an irregular opening.

Except for the first and final hours, operations were on a moderate scale, the aggregate being only a little more than half of yesterday's large turnover. The heaviness of the last hour was accentuated by a steady offering of highgrade investment rails which yielded with unexpectedease. St. Paul, Reading, Northern Pacific and Erie second preferred fell 3 points each, Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific 4 and New York Central almost 6 points with 1 to 2 points in other transportation issues of equal prominence.

United States Steel at one time was as high as 104 1-8 but receded to 100 1-8, closing at a small fraction over its minimum. Other shares of the same class lost 2 to 4 points with 2 to 7 for oils, 2 to 4 for motors and shippings, Baldwin Locomotive and Peoples Gas. Brooklyn Rapid Transit lost 6 points, selling down to 68 1-2, its lowest price since 1910. American Tobacco featured the high priced industrials, dropping 13 points on one sale. An early rise of 8 1-2 points in American Beet Sugar was later explained by the increased and extra dividends declared on that stock. Republic Irons statement for 1916 showed net profits three times in excess of the previous year.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $4,260,000. United States bonds, unchanged on call

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	21⅝
American Beet Sugar	59
American Can	39
American Car & Foundry	59
American Cotton Oil	44½
American Locomotive	63⅛
American Smelting	94⅝
American Sugar	105¼
American Tel. & Tel.	123⅝
American Tobacco	204
American Zinc	32
Anaconda Copper	72
Atchison	100½
Atlantic Coast Line	112¼
Baldwin Locomotive	45
Baltimore & Ohio	75
Bethlehem Steel	370
Canadian Pacific	155¼
Central Leather	70¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	59
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	84½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	26½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	39
Consolidated Gas	124½
Corn Products	18⅜
Crucible Steel	51⅜
Cuba Cane Sugar	38¼
Erie	25¼
General Electric	161⅝
Great Northern pfd	113¼
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	30
Goodrich	52
Illinois Central	101
Inspiration Copper	50½
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	66⅝
International Nickel	38
International Paper	39½
Kansas City Southern	21
Kennecott Copper	40⅛
Lehigh Valley	73
Louisville & Nashville	127
Liggett & Myers	255
Loriliard Co.	185
Maxwell Motors	48½
Mexican Petroleum	85
National Lead	53½
New York Central	92¼
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	41⅜
Norfolk & Western	129½
Northern Pacific	102½
Pennsylvania	54
Ray Consolidated Copper	23⅛
Reading	90¼
Republic Iron & Steel	66
Seaboard Air Line	14½
Seaboard Air Line pfd	32⅝
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	50
Studebaker Corporation	96
Southern Pacific	92⅝
Southern Railway	27¾
Southern Railway pfd	65
Tennessee Copper	13
Texas Company	205
Union Pacific	133¼
United Fruit	139⅞
United States Rubber	53
United States Steel	100⅝
United States Steel pfd	117
Utah Copper	104
Virginia Caro. Chem.	35¼
Wabash pfd "B"	25½
Western Union	95¾
Westinghouse Electric	47⅜
Missouri Pacific w.i.	23⅛

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Hogs, strong at yesterday's average, 10 to 15c above yesterday's close; bulk 11.60 to 11.85; light 11.15 to 11.75; mixed 11.25 to 11.90; heavy 11.30 to 11.95; rough 11.30 to 11.45;; pigs 9.50 to 10.50.

Cattle—Steady; native beef cattle 7.75 to 12.00; Western steers 7.75 to 10.15; stockers 6.00 to 9.10; cows and heifers 5.00 to 10.25; calves 10.00 to 14.00.

Sheep—Firm; wethers 10.40 to 11.75; ewes 7.50 to 10.75; lambs 12.00 to 14.65.

LIVERPOOL COTTON STATISTICS

Liverpool, Feb. 2.—Weekly cotton statistics: Total forwarded to mills 69,000 bales, American 59,000; stock 884,000, American 738,000; imports 62,000, American 43,000; exports 7,000.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Feb. 2.—Beeves, irregular; steers 8.10 to 10.65; bulls 6.00 to 8.90; cows 4.25 to 7.75.

Calves—Slow; veals 10.50 to 15.75; culls 8.00 to 10.00; barnyard calves 6.00 to 7.00; yearlings 5.00 to 6.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Irregular; sheep 6.50 to 10.00; culls 5.00 to 6.00; lambs 13.00 to 14.80.

Hogs—Steady; medium weights 12.00; light hogs and pigs 11.00 to 11.50; roughs 10.50.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Feb. 2.—Mercantile paper 3¼ to 3½; sterling 60 day bills 4.72½; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.72½; commercial 60 day bills 4.72¼; demand 4.7580; cables 4.76 7-16; bar silver 76¾; Mexican dollars 59¼. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds weak. Time loans strong; 60 days 3; 90 days 3¼; six months 3½. Call money firm, ruling rate 4.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

February 3, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 34 degrees; at 8 P. M., 24 degrees; maximum, 35 degrees; minimum, 24 degrees; mean, 30 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .00 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 16.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair and cold Saturday; Sunday fair with rising temperature.

STORM WARNING

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Continue Northwest storm warnings Atlantic City to Jacksonville, Northwest gales diminishing Saturday.

MITCHELL.

The Port Calendar, Feb. 2, 1917.

Sun rises	7:08 A. M.
Sun sets	5:44 P. M.
Day's length	10 hrs. 36 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	7:10	7:29	1:53	2:34
Southport	5:26	5:37	11:43	11:45
Masonboro Inlet	5:15	5:26	11:23	11:35

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

February 2, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.
Abilene	clear	44	16	.0
Asheville	clear	8	6	.01
Atlanta	clear	16	12	.0
Augusta	clear	26	20	.0
Baltimore	cldy	22	..	.0
Birmingham	clear	22	14	.0
Boston	clear	20	16	.0
Charleston	clear	34	30	.0
Charlotte	clear	22	20	.0
Chicago	clear	0	-10	.0
Galveston	clear	42	26	.0
Jaxville	clear	38	28	.0
Memphis	pt cldy	16	8	.0
Mobile	clear	36	24	.0
Mnotgomery	clear	28	20	.0
N. Orleans	clear	38	26	.0
New Yrk	pt cldy	20	12	.0
Oklahoma	clear	18	2	.0
Palestine	clear	40	14	.0
Pittsburg	pt cldy	10	8	.01
Raleigh	clear	28	26	.0
Savannah	clear	32	24	.0
Shreveport	clear	34	16	.0
St. Louis	clear	8	-8	.0
Washington	clear	20	18	.0

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Extremely Wide Price Changes—Net Loss of 85 to 105 Points.

New Orleans, Feb. 2.—There were extremely wide price changes in today's session of the cotton market with active months at times slightly above the level of yesterday's close and at others far below. At the lowest the weakest months showed a net decline of more than 100 points. The greatest selling pressure came late in the day and was inspired chiefly by the rumor that Americans had been warned out of Germany. The close was easy at a net loss of 85 to 105 points.

On the opening the market momentarily sold about 5 points higher than yesterday's last quotations but immediate general selling forced trading months to a net decline of about a quarter of a cent a pound. Following this slump the market did better on fresh buying and toward noon the strongest months were 5 to 10 points over yesterday's final prices.

Real weakness gradually developed in the afternoon because of small mill takings for the week and the rumor that an American vessel had been sunk by a German submarine. Then came the rumor about Americans being ordered from Germany which destroyed any lingering bull support. From the highest to the lowest the fall amounted to 100 to 106 points; at the lowest levels of the day the market stood 90 to 109 points under yesterday's close.

Closing bid: March 13.39; May 13.49; July 13.59; October 13.15; December 13.27.

Spot nominal and unchanged; sales on the spot 1,145 bales; to arrive none; middling 17.19.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Rumored Sinking of American Ship Causes Heavy Wheat Sales.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Rumors that an American ship had been sunk and that loss of life had resulted brought about much selling in the wheat market today and caused an unsettled close. The finish ranged from 2½ decline to 2⅛ advance as compared with yesterday's latest figures. Corn and oats wound up virtually unchanged and provisions 10 to 32 higher.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.60¾; July 1.43⅛.

Corn—May 52¾; July 51⅞.

Pork—May 28.27; July 28.07.

Lard—May 16.17; July 16.32.

Ribs—May 15.12; July 15.25.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red 1.66¾; No. 3 red, nominal; No. 2 hard 1.69 to 1.70; No. 3 hard 1.60.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 97¾ to 98; No. 4 yellow 94 to 96½; No. 4 white 94 to 96½.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Feb. 2.—Raw sugar quiet; centrifugal 4.89; molasses 4.02; refined quiet.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Steady.

Coffee—Spot dull; Rio 7s, 10c; Santos 4s, 10½c.

Married Despite Difficulties.

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 2.—Jesse Craft, of Kinston, and Miss Hannah Eubanks, a pretty Jones county girl, are married in spite of a long series of handicaps, including measles, bad roads, forgetfulness and delinquency of three preachers. Craft and Miss Eubanks were to have been married a month ago, but measles broke out in the home of one or the other and Cupid was frustrated. After four weeks of waiting they were wedded late Wednesday at the bride's home, 20 miles from here.

Depositors Get Dividend.

Fayetteville, Feb. 2.—Charles Elliott, receiver of the Fourth National Bank, announces that a second dividend of 20 per cent for payment to the depositors of the bank has been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency and will be ready for distribution next Monday, February 5. A dividend of 30 per cent. was paid the depositors in November.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Jan. 8, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 2:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars only between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington	Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington
*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	.....	*6:15 A.M.	*6:26 A.M.
16:30 A.M.	16:30 A.M.	x16:30 A.M.	x7:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
*6:50 A.M.	*6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	*7:20 A.M.	*7:31 A.M.
*8:00 A.M.	*8:00 A.M.	.....	*7:40 A.M.	*7:50 A.M.	*8:01 A.M.
*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	.....	*8:30 A.M.	*8:41 A.M.
18:30 A.M.	18:30 A.M.	x18:30 A.M.	x9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	*9:15 A.M.	*9:25 A.M.	*9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
*1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	x*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
o1:55 P.M.	o1:55 P.M.	.....	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
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3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	*2:25 P.M.	*2:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o3:00 P.M.	o3:11 P.M.
o4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o3:50 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
o4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o4:30 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o5:10 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	x6:40 P.M.	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	z7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS

Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M.

*—Daily except Sunday. x—Does not run beyond Station No. 3.
l—Sundays only. z—Leaves from Station No. 3.
o—Superceded by half hour schedule Sunday afternoon.

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Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE—This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

Specials:---

1500 bags Fine Salt.
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3:20 A.M. Lv.	Wilmington	Ar.	1:15 A.M.
6:15 A.M. Ar.	Goldsboro	Lv.	10:25 P.M.
6:45 A.M. Lv.	Goldsboro	Ar.	9:25 P.M.
7:40 A.M. Ar.	Selma	Lv.	8:28 P.M.
8:52 A.M. Ar.	Raleigh	Lv.	7:25 P.M.

Sleepers will be open to receive passengers after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, southbound, until 7:00 A. M.

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Wilmington to Georgetown
S. S. Cherokee ..Monday, February 5th
S. S. Cherokee, Saturday, February 17

Wilmington to New York
S. S. Cherokee..Monday, January 29th
S. S. Cherokee...Friday, February 9th
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The Progressive Railway of the South.
Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

No. 13—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No. 19—6:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers.

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No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Account Gasparilla Carnival. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, limited returning until Feb. 20. Limit may be extended to March 3rd, upon payment of $1.00 and depositing with joint agent, etc.

$13.95—Atlanta, Ga.

Account Southeastern Land Show and the National Association of Builders Exchanges of the U. S. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 and Feb. 3, 10, 11 and 14, limited returning until Feb. 20, but may be extended to March 6th by depositing and paying $1.00.

$23.45—Pensacola, Fla.
$24.55—Mobile, Ala.
$28.75—New Orleans, La.

Account Mardi Gras Celebration. Tickets will be sold Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning until March 2nd, but may be extended until March 10th by depositing and paying $1.00.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. $13.20
On sale April 10 to 15th inclusive; limited returning midnight April 30th.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. $28.75
On sale May 11 to 16th, inclusive; limited returning midnight, limit extended to June 15th on payment $1.00.

WASHINGTON, D. C. $8.90
On sale June 2 to 7th, inclusive; limited returning midnight June 21st; limit extended to July 6th on payment 50c.

LEXINGTON, KY. $21.85
On sale February 18, 19, 20; limited returning midnight February 25th.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. $28.75
On sale March 11, 12, 13; limited returning midnight March 21st.

WASHINGTON, D. C. $13.20
On sale March 1, 2, 3, 4, limited returning midnight March 10th; limit extended to April 10th on payment $1.00.

ATLANTA, GA $13.95
On sale January 31, Feb. 3, 10, 11, 12 and 14th, limited returning midnight February 20th.

MOBILE, ALA $24.55
On sale Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning midnight, March 2nd, limit extended to March 19th, on payment of $1.00.

TAMPA, FLA $22.45
On sale January 31st to Feb. 5th, inclusive, limited returning midnight, Feb. 20th; limit enxtended to March 3rd on payment $1.00.

PENSACOLA, FLA $23.45
On sale Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning midnight, March 2nd; limit extended to March 19th, on payment $1.00.

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BRYAN DECLARES THAT WAR WOULD BE CRIME

Mass Meeting Approves President's Peace Policies

Former Secretary Brings Forth Applause in Address to Meeting of Peace Advocates in Madison Square Garden.

New York, Feb. 2.—William Jennings Bryan declared at a peace mass meeting in Madison Square Garden here tonight that it would be a crime against the nation and the world if the United States enters the European war. He praised highly President Wilson's efforts in behalf of peace and asserted that the President's recent address to the Senate had placed him among the nation's immortals.

The mass meeting was called by the American neutral conference committee to voice approval and support of the President's peace policies. A resolution was adopted pledging unfaltering support of the President in any effort to keep the nation out of war.

Mr. Bryan asserted the constitution should be amended by providing for a referendum on the declaration of war. No nation has challenged the United States, Mr. Bryan declared, but if any nation should, this would be the answer, he said, the country should give:

"No, we have the welfare of 100,000,000 people to guard; priceless ideals to preserve, and we will not wallow with you in a mire of blood to conform to a false standard."

Another declaration of the speaker that caused prolonged applause was:

"God forbid that we should go to war with a nation that is not an enemy and does not want war with us.

"I have confidence in our President," said Mr. Bryan. "Never has the President been more anxious to do what is best for our country or what the people believe is best for them."

He asserted the President's step was "just the action necessary in the case" and characterized it as a "courageous, heroic, epoch-making appeal to the conscience of the world."

Mr. Bryan said he dissented from the part of the President's address to the Senate relating to the "enforcement of peace," but he preferred, he asserted, to wait until the President presents his views more thoroughly on that point before venturing to comment upon it.

Mr. Bryan was applauded when he said the President is a student of history and he knows that "the paths of history are linked with the wrecks of empires built on physical force."

EVERY HOU RDRAWS THE UNITED STATES NEARER THE CRASH

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announcement would be made tonight.

From inquiry among the senators present the following facts were established:

Facts Gathered From Senators.

The President frankly revealing the innermost details of the crisis, told the senators he had come to feel the pulse of the people; that he wished each man to speak his mind frankly with the welfare of the nation and civilization at heart.

At the conclusion each senator shook the President's hand and assured him that whatever course he took, whether in accord with their own views or not, he would be sustained by a unanimous Senate.

"The President," said one senator, "left us with the suggestion of a night's reflection and of action by word or deed before Monday."

ONE AMERICAN PASSENGER SHIP EACH WEEK MAY PASS

Washington, Feb. 2.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has been authorized by his government to arrange for the passage of any American passenger ship, without contraband, through the lane of safety to Falmouth prescribed for one ship a week of the American line, in Germany's new orders to her submarine commanders. It is not improbable, should diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany continue, that steps along this line will be taken. Events today did not change the German view here that there is little hope of avoiding a break of relations between the United States and Germany unless in some unexpected manner a peace conference is brought about.

At the same time the view of the German government as reflected here is that unless the United States intends to go to war, nothing is to be gained by severing diplomatic relations. Germany is represented at the embassy as not desiring that any harm should come to Americans, but as anxious that Americans stay away from the danger zone while the central powers attempt to starve the Entente and especially Great Britain. The German government, according to embassy officials, never will itself break off relations with the United States.

The German ambassador today was quietly waiting for developments. He had no appointments with officials of the administration. Apparently he was prepared for anything that might happen. He confered at some length with Count Tarnowski, the new ambassador from Austria-Hungary, who plans to present his credentials immediately. Tonight he dined out with friends.

While talking to his callers today the ambassador appeared to be in a jovial mood, despite the gravity of the situation.

Virtually all except necessary routine business has been suspended at the embassy pending the development of the situation. Some officials connected with the embassy are so certain that a break with the United States is inevitable that already they have been considering the ways and means of getting home.

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DANGER ZONES CREATE SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS

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course may be pursued, as the whole range of questions raised by the new German danger zones doubtless will be considered by the war cabinet.

Meantime shipping circles are anxiously canvassing what alternative can be provided for entering Kirkwall. One suggestion is that American and Scandinavian ships be examined at sea by the British blockade fleet stationed between the Faroe Islands and Iceland. This examination at sea would be relatively less dangerous than proceeding across the German danger zone.

Another alternative suggested is for the examination of cargoes by British agents at American, Scandinavian and Dutch ports before the departure of vessels. A third suggestion is for an examination to be made at some British colonial port, like Halifax. The latter two alternatives are not considered feasible, however, as it is believed the American government would not yield on the point of examination at home ports or in Canada.

It is pointed out that the system under which ships enter Kirkwall is not a compulsory one but has been universally adopted by shipping as the noly means of avoiding the difficulties of examination at sea.

As the system is not compulsory, a number of steamers continue to run the risks of not putting in at Kirkwall. One American ship recently got through the British blockade and is now at a Norwegian port. The number of blockade runners, however, is comparatively small.

Now that there is a German blockade to the British blockade, neutral ships will be subjected to a double cordon which is expected largely to increase the dangers and also to lead to more blockade running, owing to the increased premium for heavy risks.

Mr. Page Honor Guest

Washington, Feb. 2.—Representative Page, of North Carolina, was the honor guest at a dinner of the North Carolina Society of Washington tonight. Speaker Clark, Louis Brantlow, commissioner of the District of Columbia, and Robert H. McNeill, president of the society, were among the speakers who praised the public record of Mr. Page. Secretary and Mrs. Daniels were guests.

To Join Atlantic Fleet.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 2.—The battleship Arkansas, reported today to have taken a station outside the Virginia Capes, for neutrality duty, is tonight reported off Cape Hatteras, en route to Guantanamo to join the Atlantic fleet.

SWEDEN TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH NORWAY AND DENMARK

Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 2.(via London, Feb. 3).—The Associated Press learns from a well informed source that no action will be taken by Sweden in regard to the submarine situation until after an exchange of views with Denmark and Norway. No formal conference is planned but an exchange of views already has begun and the Swedish government hopes that the three Scandinavian countries will again find it possible to act in concert as they did in February, 1915, following the German proclamation of a war zone about the British Isles.

NEGRO CONVICTS HOLD WHITE MEN PRISONERS IN MINE

Banner, Ala., Feb. 2.—After remaining in the Banner mines for nearly 24 hours and holding four white men as prisoners, 221 negro convicts marched out today after the state convict board had agreed to hear complaints against Warden Hall. The convicts originally demanded Hall's dismissal. The officials began a broad investigation late today and said they expected no further trouble.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: H. I. Coffield, High Point; W. W. Watson, Greensboro; S. H. Cord, Winston-Salem; A. A. Hupp, Winston-Salem; A. S. Felk, Charlotte; W. E. Dalton, Winston-Salem; R. C. Lawrence, Esq., Lumberton; F. C. McCormick and W .H. Weatherspoon, Laurinburg; J. McRae Dalton, Winston-Salem; W. M. Smith, Charlotte.

—Among those registered at the Orton last night were: E. W. Henderson and T. W. Andrews, Charlotte; J. L. Kerr, Clinton; T. S. Memory, Whiteville; R. Moore, Goldsboro; W. L. Robbins, Phoenix.

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